



Michael F Robb

September 28, 1942 - November 15, 2011

Michael F. Robb, 69, passed away November 15, 2011. Mike was diagnosed with bladder cancer a few years ago and had been in remission until September of 2011. After a courageous battle with cancer, he succumbed to the illness with family by his side. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Steve Sathre officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Michael was born September 28, 1942, to Ralph and Nettie Robb. He graduated from Bismarck High School in 1961. Mike started his career as an electrician with ABC Electric. He married Zona Shipley of Jamestown, ND, on September 2, 1966, in Bismarck, ND. In the late 60's, Mike became a realtor with Roland Gorder Realty. A few years later, Mike created Globe Development, where he sold many of the houses that he had built. Mike went on to develop Glenwood Estates and Imperial Valley, two rural sub divisions in south Bismarck. In 1981, Michael and his wife Zona started King Coal Furnace Corporation, a manufacturer of residential and commercial stoker heating systems. During his accomplished career, Michael received a patent for one of his stoker systems. In 2006, Mike's son-in-law, Jon Dockter, joined King Coal and is now the President. Mike was a loving and devoted husband and father and will be deeply missed by his family and many good friends. He is survived by his wife, Zona Robb, and their four children; Susan John Tadewald, Minneapolis, MN, Erik Cindy Robb, Minneapolis, MN, Cathy Jon Dockter, Bismarck, ND, and Jessica Robb, Minneapolis, MN; five

grandchildren; one brother, Floyd Sheila Robb, Bismarck, ND; his mother-in-law, Evelyn Shipley, Bismarck, ND; and a niece and nephew. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Nettie Robb, Bismarck, ND; and his father-in-law, Bill Shipley, Jamestown, ND.

Tribute Wall

NS

“ Zona and the Robb family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike, I have many fond memories that i will never forget. My thoughts and prayers are out to you all.

Nick Simpson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, especially Zona, Cathy, Jon and children and the staff at King Coal Corporation.

Kari Hamlin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Dear Zona and Family, I wish to express my sympathy to you over the early passing-away of Mike. When I think of Mike, it brings back fond memories of our wild and crazy high school days together, and also the fun things we did after we all got married. I last spoke to him this summer when we met in a local restaurant. Mike's passing really brings to mind that we don't fully appreciate our friends until after they're gone. I'll always think of Mike with good memories.
With warm regards,

Willie Weimer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.
~Diane & Jarad Jackson

Diane Jackson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Zona, Mike's passing brought tears to my eyes. I always enjoyed his visits and stories he'd share with me at the office. My heart goes out to you as I know all too well how you feel. I suppose he's giving Cam a good laugh about now. Another addition to my prayer list. It's getting way too long. Steve

Stephen L Gross DDS - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Suzi and family, We are saddened by this news and know we are thinking of you. Thanks for sharing your stories this past weekend and letting us get to know your loving Dad more.

Danielle Sprain - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Zona and Family, Mike was a very intelligent, caring person. His ability to design and build things is something i will never forget. It was an honor to work for him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

TERRY FRIEDT - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I remember that Mike and my dad Ernie Barbie were good friends. When I was a little girl we were going to build a house near Mikes, but never did. I remember going to your house and playing occassionally. He was a very nice, kind man and Zona was a very nice lady. Condolensces to Mike's family.

Sandi Barbie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Zona and family, So sorry to hear the news. Having grown up with Erik, I spent countless hours at your house and cabin at lake Isabel. Mike was always so good to me. He always treated me with respect and welcomed me into your home and family. All of you are in my thoughts. Deepest sympathy, Chuck

Chuck Hoovestol - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer and Scott Criqui - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Zona and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We were classmates at BHS and I saw him at our 50th Reunion this summer. I remember my father, Roland Gorder, thought highly of him when Mike worked for Roland Gorder Realty.

Kathi Gorder Schwartz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Eric and Zona, Aaron and I want you to know how sad we were to here about Mikes passing. You are all in our heart and prayers at this time. Love and prayers Aaron and Emily Vasey

Emily Vasey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dear Zona and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was Dad's first salesman and I remember him well. He was a very energetic and upbeat man. Dad lived with us after Mom died and he passed away in 2003. My prayers are with you and your family.
Karen

Karen Gorder Garst - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Jessica, Zona, and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kelley DeForest Dockter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dearest Zona and Family ~ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. May the lord wrap you in comfort and fill your hearts with peace. God Bless!

April Robinson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Zona and family, We are very sorry for your loss and deeply saddened. We will miss Mike's personality, inventiveness, technical knowledge, and leadership skills. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time for your family. We will miss him as we have had a good business relationship but more so as a very dear friend. Ken and Ginny Schwartz

Ken Schwartz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Zona and family, My sincere and prayerful sympathy as you grieve Mike's death. I am sorry he died at such a young age! I pray that your wonderful memories of Mike keep your spirits and courage strong and "up-beat". That is the way I remember Mike: up-beat, energetic, enthusiastic about starting something new! I also remember him as a great neighbor to us of Annunciation Monastery and the University of Mary. God be with you. May Mike know God's eternal welcome of joy and peace. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

Sister Susan Lardy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ To the Mike Robb Family: I met Mike for the first time in August of 2009 at his office in Bismarck. There certain qualities about some people that you meet for the first time that you immediately appreciate. Mike's passion for making the world a better place I admire and will always remember about Mike. Within the first two hours of meeting Mike we discovered that Mike had a connection to my family which lives in Bismarck. From that very first meeting with Mike, I felt like we had known each other for years. The World has lost another good man, a husband, a father, a dear friend and a respected business partner. May God rest his soul and help Zona and the rest of Mike's family to find comfort during this time of sorrow.

Mark Dockter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Zona and Family, We have many wonderful memories of the times we shared in Mike's life and are so sorry that we were unaware of his illness and the challenges your family has had to face. Though our paths may not have crossed as frequently as we would have liked over recent years, we have the hope and confidence that our final paths will bring us to a place where we will all see him again. Until then, We are praying for the Lord to comfort and strengthen you all as you grieve this great loss.

Frank and Margot Kohl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ To the entire Robb family - I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was a good friend to me for many years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Nancy Abfalter - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Cathy and family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with your entire family. Melanie and Chad Overskei

Melanie Overskei - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Zona and Family, we are so sorry. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you in this difficult time. We enjoyed the times we spent with Mike and you, he will be missed by many.

Dennis & Dava - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We will always treasure our memories of Mike. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Gary and Laurie White - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Cathy, Jon, and Kids - So sorry to hear about your Dad and Grandpa. Prayers are with you.

Cindy Thompson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Zona, We are sorry to read of Mike's death. Our hearts are with you. Love and prayers,

Terry and Karen Bragg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM