



## Michael E. Thielbar

January 24, 1946 - February 20, 2012

Michael E. Thielbar, 66 year old resident Richardson Corners, formerly of St. Croix Beach, MN passed away Monday, February 20, 2012 at the Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia, MN. Committal Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls with Rev. David Gouldin officiating. Military Honors will be conducted by Camp Ripley Honor Guard.

Mike was born in Elgin, Illinois January 24th, 1946 to Dutch and Verna (Schmelzer) Thielbar. He moved with his family from St. Paul to own and operate a resort on Whitefish Lake just west of Mille Lacs. Mike spent several years selling minnows, guiding fishermen and cleaning their catch. After graduating from Onamia High School, he joined the U.S. Army. He proudly served his country and earned a Purple Heart while serving as an infantryman in Vietnam. Mike married the love of his life, Lynn Hoheisel, on July 3rd, 1971 in Pine Center, MN. The couple moved to St. Paul where Mike got a job at Ashland/Marathon Oil Refinery. They had two children and moved to St. Croix Beach in 1977. Mike worked for Ashland/Marathon for 33 years before retiring in 2003. Boy Scouts was a big part of Mike's life for many years. As a Webelos leader he was able to pass along his love of the outdoors. In 2005, Mike and Lynn moved back to Hillman. Mike enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, campfires, feeding the birds, reading, and keeping up with current events. He especially enjoyed his morning coffee with his friends at Bear Trax. Through his care at the V.A., Mike was able to connect with fellow veterans

and recognize the importance of his sacrifice and service to our country. He was very grateful for the friendships he had both here and in the St. Croix Valley. Mike will be remembered fondly by many who were never quite sure if he was telling the truth or spinning a tall tale. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Lynn; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Tara Thielbar; daughter, Amy Smith; sister, Margo Hunt of Pensacola, FL; Logan Baumann, grandson, Michael Smith, and grandbaby Thielbar due in March, who Mike so looked forward to meeting. Nothing brought him more joy than being a papa, and he spent every day building special memories with his best buddy Michael. He is also survived by many family and friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Dutch and Verna Thielbar; grandparents, Michael and Verna Schmelzer; Lynn's parents, Richard and Yvonne Hoheisel; and Lynn's grandma, Rosena Goergen.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **29**. 1:00 PM.

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael E. Thielbar*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Oh Lynn, We are sending our dearest condolences to you and the family. Many laughs we had shared together, mostly at the farm with your parents...We shall keep you in our prayers. You are special to us.##imported-begin##Don & Marlys##imported-end##*

March 06, 2012 at 01:52 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences-a truly great man has passed.##imported-begin##Jeff and Kathy Grab##imported-end##*

February 29, 2012 at 05:09 AM



“ *May your rivers never run dry, as you forever sit on the bank waiting for the big one that always got away. Be forever happy my brother, we will meet again in a happier place. Much love##imported-begin##Margo Hunt##imported-end##*

February 28, 2012 at 10:44 PM



“ Lynn, Amy and Eric,

*I am Sorry to hear about Mike, I have alot of memories of him, although its difficult today to see beyond your sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Dear God,*

*You have walked with Mike though all his yesterdays, guided and protected him, in a thousand ways.*

*Now I pray you'll strengthen his family, and calm their sorrows.*

*Comfort them and bring sweet peace to there tomorrows.*

*Amen....##imported-begin##Ruth Hatten (Hoheisel)##imported-end##*

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February 26, 2012 at 06:49 PM



“ Lynn, I am so sorry to hear about Mike. I had no idea till I went on the website this evening. We had just met the week before. My deepest sympathy and my condolences to you and yours.##imported-begin##Lynn Donek##imported-end##

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February 25, 2012 at 12:08 AM



“ Lynn, Amy and Eric: My deepest sympathies go out to you all. I have many fond memories of Micheal and the family from years ago that will sustain me throughout the rest of my days. If you need anything please let me know, even if it is jsut a BIG hug.

*P.S. Michael, wait for me and when I get there we can go "snipe" hunting!##imported-begin##Janey##imported-end##*

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February 24, 2012 at 01:13 PM



“ I had so much fun every day with you Papa. I miss you and I love you. I will miss playing army guys with you. You are the best papa in the world.

Your best buddy in the world,

Michael###imported-begin##michael smith###imported-end##

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February 23, 2012 at 08:05 PM



“ Oh Lynn.MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU SWEETIE,I KNOW WHAT U ARE GOING THREW. JUST BE STRONG AND LET THINGS TAKE THE CORGE. HE WAS A AWESOME MAN AND THE LOVE OF UR LIFE,HE WILL BE WAITTING FOR U WITH OPEN ARMS AND BY UR SIDE EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE THIS I KNOW,MY LOVE IS WITH ME STILL IT HAS BEEN 2YRS.BE STRONG SWEETIE LOVE YOU KAREN###imported-begin##Karen Kuchinski###imported-end##

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February 22, 2012 at 12:05 PM



“ We are thinking of you all. Mike was a special guy and will be missed by everyone that knew him. He had a way of making you smile

Love you guys

The Bumps###imported-begin##Donavon Bump###imported-end##

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February 21, 2012 at 06:20 PM