



## Melvin "Mike John" Piippo

November 3, 1959 - December 19, 2021

Melvin "Mike John" Piippo, age 62, of Rudyard, Michigan, passed away on December 19, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on November 3, 1959, in Sault Ste. Marie to parents, Melvin Harold and Lempi "Ellen" (Wuorie) Piippo.

Mike John grew up in Rudyard and graduated from Rudyard High School in 1978. He married his high school sweetheart, Terry Lynne (Willard) Piippo, on May 8, 1982, in South Carolina. He then started welding and working at a feed mill for a short time before starting his business, Titan Timber in 1983. Mike spent the majority of his working life operating his business and working on the family hay farm.

Mike John was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard, as well as a member of Michigan Association of Timberman and Future Farmers of American.

In his free time, Mike spent time playing in his band, Second Offense. He had first started playing in 1978 when he started the band, Borrowed Time. He was a natural drummer and very talented and played for over fifty years. He also raced snowmobiles for the last twenty years. He loved fishing, golfing and hunting, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. Mike was many things in life but above all, he was a beloved

family man.

Mike John is survived by his loving wife, Terry; son, Jeremie (Lacey) Piippo of Rudyard; daughter, Sarah (Thomas Curtis of Pickford, Michigan; grandchildren, Spencer, Sadie, Andrew, Lexxi, Emery, Clara, Tommy Jr. and Maaila; brother, Clint (Alice) Spring of Rudyard; sister, Amy Piippo of Rudyard, as well as many nieces, nephews and life long friends.

Mike John is preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Ellen; stepmother, Marge Piippo; sisters, Kathy Blalock; and Karen (Ron) Royer.

Services will be held Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, 24549 S M-129 in Pickford. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM followed by the funeral service at 2:00 PM. A dinner and fellowship will be held at the Rudyard Township Hall following the funeral service.

Final resting place will be in North Rudyard Township Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## North Rudyard Township Cemetery

15141 S Tilson Rd  
Rudyard, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation  
24549 S M 129  
Pickford, MI 49774

## Funeral Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin "Mike John" Piippo*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Melvin "Mike John" Piippo*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Melvin "Mike John" Piippo*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Lacey and family! We did not know Mike, but so hard to lose a loved one, especially during the holiday season. Your family is in our prayers.*

*Greg and Mary Sparkman*

**Mary Sparkman** - December 28, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Words cannot express what you are going through. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Family and friends are what will help you get through your loss. Mike was a long time friend and will be missed by all.*

*Debbie Wallis*

**Debbie Wallis** - December 28, 2021 at 10:42 AM

JP

“ *RIP cousin jim piippo*

James A Piippo - December 28, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mike John" Piippo.*



December 26, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mike John" Piippo.*



December 25, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mike John" Piippo.*



December 25, 2021 at 11:01 AM

PV

“ *Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed but never forgotten*

Phillip VanSloten - December 25, 2021 at 08:23 AM

DM

“ you will never be fore gotten memories of a life time bless you my friend

Debbie Bennett Mayer - December 24, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mike John" Piippo.



December 24, 2021 at 08:36 PM

RH

“ Mike John was one of my bosses and very good friend. He will be missed dearly, I will cherish my memories of him. Bob Hall

robert Hall - December 24, 2021 at 02:57 PM

JF

“ Mike John was always making me laugh when I saw him. He was a great guy. I bought my firewood from Titan for many years. My condolences to his wife and family for the loss of a good guy.

Julie Forrest - December 24, 2021 at 02:34 PM