



## Michael Mitsch

August 11, 1951 - April 30, 2021

Michael James Mitsch, 69, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away April 30, 2021 at EUP Hospice House. He was born August 11, 1951 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri to Matthew and Dorothy (Durochford) Mitsch. Michael had a BFA in art history and conservation from Columbia College Chicago, BA in environmental science hydrology, and certificates in water remediation, agchem and petrochem remediation, and wastewater tracing. He was also a certified archeologist working at the Hohokam and Baker sites in California. Michael had an OSHA 18 license and helped to clean up Hanford Nuclear site and others. He was the lead investigator at agrochem and petrochem pollution sites and developed an oil eating bacteria for spills, set up toxic containment sites and monitored field workers for pesticide and toxic agchem exposure. Michael was the co-founder and curator of Trickster Gallery in Schaumburg, Illinois which housed contemporary native artists and sculptors work. He was also a consultant for various Midwest companies in water and soil remediation, waste stream monitoring, and compliance issues and resolution. He was a member of the American Indian Center in Chicago where he setup a senior lunch, weekly coffee, and was a library volunteer. Michael memberships also included Soaring (Midwest) where he helped with NAGPRA issues, raptor rescue, the yearly powwow, Waterwalkers in Chicago and Ontario, Canada. Michael's last great adventure with his wife was to explore the Leo Petroglyphs and Sanilac Petroglyphs. He received his final name and blessing (G. Sagassige) at Hospice House of the EUP in Sault Ste.

Marie, Michigan. Michael is survived by his wife, Chris Mitsch; brothers, Larry, Steven, and Andy; and sister, Madeline. Michael is predeceased by his parents; sister, Caroline; and Auntie, M.J. Wilson. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Mitsch*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Michael Mitsch*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Michael Mitsch*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Mitsch family, this is Liz Evans, we were across the street neighbors on Berkenshire Lane in E.G.V. My sister June and I express our sympathy to you in the passing of Michael. Mike, Madeline, Junie and I all went to high school together. The summers of 1967 and 68' were young, fun, years to be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael and your family at this time. Liz Evans Hoppe*

**Liz Evans Hoppe** - June 13, 2021 at 01:19 PM

MA

*Thank you, dear Liz.*

*I've thought about you often over the years & still laugh at our shenanigans, how patiently you sat for your portrait, & always wishing you are still happy and carefree like that.*

*We lost Caroline just weeks before Michael.  
My love to you and your family*

*~~~ Madeline*

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**Madeline** - October 24, 2021 at 04:49 PM

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“ *Michael was a loyal friend to me for many years. We had lots of laughs over the many years. Michael and I toured the Southwest Cave dwellings and the Pueblos. Wonderful memories of him and his loving family. As the years drift by and we loose those we loved most, to me, they are here, right here next to me. Always. Different dimension but right here. We'll be talking.*

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**Sherieacruz Benoit** - June 10, 2021 at 08:22 PM

MM

*Thank you, Sherie*

*It's true ! Michael could get us into raucous, side-splitting laughter no matter what circumstances we found ourselves in - and some of them were doozys.*

*He was especially fond of petroglyphs, history, and your shared adventures. Love is Eternal.*

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**MM** - October 24, 2021 at 05:04 PM