

## Robert Stephen "Milk Man" Mielke

November 4, 1952 - April 23, 2023

Robert Stephen "Milk Man" Mielke, 70, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, April 23, 2023, at Crossroads Community Hospital, in Mt. Vernon.

He was born November 4, 1952, in Wisconsin, the son of Robert C. and Arie (Morris) Mielke. On January 12, 2018, in Mt. Vernon, he married Pat Allen, and she survives in Mt. Vernon.

He grew up in the Chicago area, and was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. Robert worked for Walgreens Distribution Center for 25 years. He enjoyed working on cars, gardening, fishing, and helping his neighbors, and was a "Jack-of-all-trades." He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Pat Mielke of Mt. Vernon, he is survived by his daughter, Vickie "Dugan" Otey and husband Ross of Johnsonville; two granddaughters, Audrey Rose Yarnell, and Elizabeth Faith Yarnell; brothers, Ben Mielke and wife Becky of Beaver Dam, Kentucky, and Don Brandt and wife Janet of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Norma Hedstrom and husband Ron of Piedmont, South Carolina, Theresa Boleware and husband Dan of Mt. Vernon, Susan White of North Carolina, Dori Wishard of Mattoon, Illinois; several nieces and nephews; and beloved dog, Scooter Mae.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Harriet Spittler, and Roberta Frye.

Funeral services for Mr. Mielke will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Jonathan Schnautz officiating.

Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until the hour of service, at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to Pat Mielke, to assist with funeral expenses, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home  
322 North Main Street  
Dix, IL 62830  
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## Funeral Service

APR **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)


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# Tribute Wall

GK

“ *Milkman was a great guy.He trained me at Walgreens.He will be missed.Gary and Linda Killgrove.*

**Gary Killgrove** - April 23, 2023 at 07:54 PM

  
Bambie  
Lynn

“ *He was an amazing,father,husband,grandpa! Had a heart of gold and would help anyone he could. He was also an amazing brother in law. We will miss him greatly.*

**Bambie Lynn** - April 23, 2023 at 03:52 PM

KD

*He was a great guy. He was such a good man. This is so heartbreaking. He was so loved. We will miss you Bob.*

**kim davis** - April 23, 2023 at 03:59 PM

EP

*So sorry to hear of his passing. He looks just like his dad! Please accept my condolences and tell your aunts Norma and Therese I'm sorry for their loss. I remember Bob as a young boy on Elston ave.*

**Edie Lampe Petelle** - April 23, 2023 at 05:32 PM

DD

*Best brother. & pop's*

**Don D.** - April 24, 2023 at 02:34 PM

SB

*Bob was a great guy and buddy. He taught me the "ropes" of working at Walgreens. He was a big Man with a big Heart. He will be missed!  
Steve Barsi*

**Steve Barsi** - April 25, 2023 at 09:30 PM