



Michael Ray George

May 1, 1947 - July 15, 2025

Michael Ray George passed away peacefully on July 15, 2025, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, surrounded by his devoted family. Born on May 1, 1947, Mike lived a life defined by service, honor and unwavering dedication to those he loved.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2025, at White-Ranson Funeral Home. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation will run from 9 a.m. until the hour of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Cypress Cemetery near Cypress, Ill., with full Military Honors.

A proud veteran of the United States Army, Mike served his country with distinction during the Vietnam War. His commitment to community continued in his career as a police officer in both Cairo, Ill., and Union City, where he was known for his calm leadership and strong sense of duty. He retired from the Tennessee National Guard after over 35 years.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Sally Neathamer George, who stood faithfully by his side through every chapter of life. Together they built a

life rooted in love, resilience and shared purpose, raising two children, Brian George and Julie George Everage, who carry forward his values and gentle strength. He loved his children fiercely and took immense pride in the people they became, always encouraging them with quiet wisdom and unwavering support.

He was a cherished grandfather to Gage, Grant, Garrett and Reagan Everage. Affectionately known to them as “Paw-Paw,” Mike’s warmth, playfulness and steady presence created a lifetime of special memories. He celebrated their every milestone with pride, and his love will continue to surround them like a quiet and constant embrace.

He was survived by 2 sisters, Roxie Freeman of Jacksonville, FL, Donna Kilgore of St. Louis, MO, 3 brothers, Joel George of St. Louis, MO, Edwin George of Mayfield, KY, and Randy George of Grand Chain, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chellis and Lela George; and his brothers, Donald, Garry and Darrel George. His reunion with them offers peace to those who grieve his passing.

Mike will be remembered for his steadfast heart, humble nature and the love he gave so freely. His legacy of service and kindness will live on in the lives he touched.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of local arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cypress Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside

JUL 18. 1:30 PM.

Cypress Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ *We are so saddened to hear of your husband's death. Please accept our sincere condolences.*

Mary Ellen (Swoboda) Mohundro - July 21, 2025 at 06:09 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family. I remember Mike well as we grew up in Mound City together. His service to his country will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Mike. I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Morrissa Morehead Clanahan - July 17, 2025 at 10:08 AM