

Michael Lee Bonham



Michael Lee Bonham, of Lincoln, died May 8, 2019. He was 72 years young. Born February 6, 1947 to Marion and Elaine (Embree) Bonham. He married Sheri Ann Key in Lincoln, NE on March 29, 1969.

Mike received an Associates of Arts degree in electronics from Milford Community College and a degree in music performance from Nebraska Wesleyan University. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. After receiving his degree in electronics, he worked in Omaha in the electronics field. In 1974, he began working in banks beginning in the Benson area of Omaha, then Griswold, IA. Later, he and his father went into business together in Elm Creek, NE where he became the president of the 1st National Bank of Elm Creek. During the 17 years in Elm Creek he was head of the local Red Cross, a member of the Lions Club, and was heavily involved in his church and local community events including coordinating community dances, assisting with the development of the Elm Creek Housing Authority, and directing the Elm Creek Centennial Celebration in 1987.

Mike enjoyed traveling with Sheri to see his sons and their families. He was an incredibly generous person with a passion for music. His favorite past-time was participating in local community bands including the Iowa Western Community College Band, North Bend Community Band and Slechta Polka Band. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather and band member who will be greatly missed.

Mike is survived by his wife, Sheri; sons, Marc & wife Laura of Placerville, CA, Matthew & wife Erin of Omaha, NE, and Michael J & wife Stacey of Pella, IA; granddaughters, Emily, Katelyn, Becca, Aubrey and Madison, as well as his "Extra Kids" and countless friends and band members.

The family invites friends and loved ones to a time of remembrance on June 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE.

Funeral Home assisting is Aspen Mortuary, 4822 Cleveland Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68504. To view an on-line obituary or email condolences please visit Aspen Mortuary's website at

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Condolences for Michael Lee Bonham

Bob & Patty says:

[May 9, 2019 at 7:11 am](#)

So sorry for your loss. We have a lot of great memories!
It is comforting to know he is in heaven.
Love all of you!

John Ulrich says:

[May 12, 2019 at 9:12 am](#)

So terribly sorry to hear about Michael.
We were Phi Tau roommates, and in each other's weddings. Services for Mike?

Marcia Kay Schlegelmilch says:

[May 13, 2019 at 12:23 pm](#)

Dear Sheri,
We are heartbroken at the news of Mike's passing. I am sharing the information on his service with my father. Take care and my peace be with you and your family.

Cheryl Z Iowa Western Band says:

[May 15, 2019 at 7:37 pm](#)

We will miss him in band. He had such a great sense of humor and smile. God speed.

Richard & Robin Cunningham says:

[May 16, 2019 at 8:50 am](#)

Mike and family were a tremendous asset to the Elm Creek community. We have a lot of nice memories of Mike and his family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sheri and family. Rest in peace, Mike.

Bill Roehrs says:

[May 19, 2019 at 3:32 pm](#)

Sheri & family — JoAnn and I were deeply saddened when we read John Boyer's email of Mike's passing. As JoAnn and I were reflecting how time quickly slips away from us all, I could not help but remember the great musical times Mike and I had together in York. I had the pleasure of accompanying Mike on his District Music Contest Baritone solo. He not only played beautifully and so musically, but it was so much fun creating music together. The interaction of musical ideas for two teenagers was really a memorable time! By the way, Mike did get a 1+ from the judge.

JoAnn and I plan on attending Mike's memorial service.

Our deepest sympathies,

Bill & JoAnn Roehrs

Donald Eugene Jacobson says:

[May 20, 2019 at 3:26 pm](#)

Really enjoyed Michael as part of our wonderful bass section in the IWCB. My condolences and may God bless you and comfort you. Don Jacobson and the Iowa Western Community Band.
