

Mike Westphal, age 67, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Michael R. Westphal was born August 21, 1951 in Atlantic, Iowa the son of Robert and Donna (Christiansen) Westphal.

In 1958, Mike was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Aurelia where he was later confirmed in 1965.



Growing up, Mike attended school in Aurelia where he graduated from Aurelia High School in 1969.

Following high school graduation, Mike enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1972.

On December 7, 1974, Mike was united in marriage to JoAnn Johnson at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aurelia. Together, they were blessed with two children: Nicholas and David.

Upon returning home, Mike attended Iowa Central Community College where he graduated with an associate degree in 1981.

Mike worked as an executive farm manager for several years until he retired in June of 2013. In March of 2019, he won an award of lifetime achievement.

He was a member of Beaver Kiwanis. In his spare time, Mike enjoyed fishing. He loved music and was an accomplished musician. He was a member of the infamous band, "The Rudabaga Bunch" in high school. Family was important to Mike and he treasured spending time with them. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, JoAnn of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Nicholas (Barbara) Westphal of Belmond, Iowa; David Westphal of Elkhart, Iowa; grandchildren: Alayna, Gage, Kallen, Evelyn, Isla, and Amelia; half brother, Kenneth (Esther) Sparr; sisters: Sandra (Clay) Meyer; Sindette Voortman; brothers-in-law: Richard (Mary) Johnson; Tom (Becky) Johnson; Lorne (Barb) Johnson; sister, Lynne (Tim) Johnson; extended family and many friends.

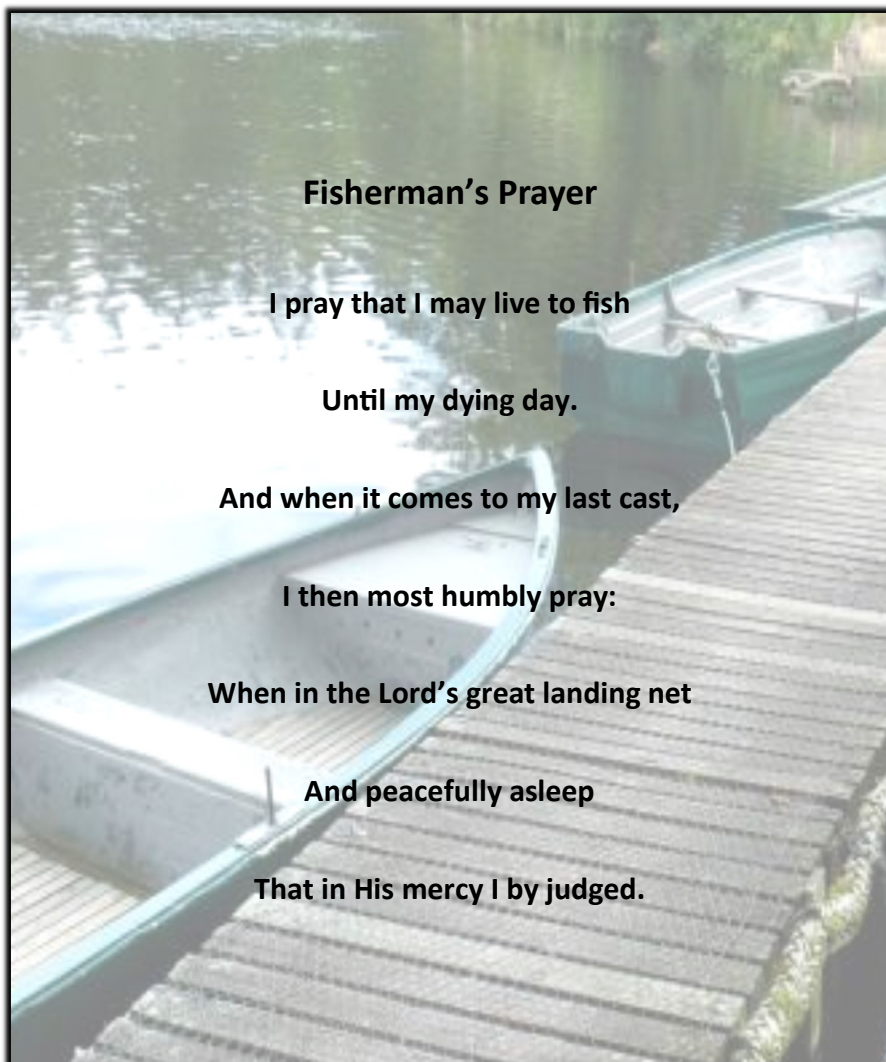
Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Donna Westphal.

In Loving Memory



Mike Westphal

1951 — 2019



Fisherman's Prayer

I pray that I may live to fish

Until my dying day.

And when it comes to my last cast,

I then most humbly pray:

When in the Lord's great landing net

And peacefully asleep

That in His mercy I be judged.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to our home at 405 W. Lakeshore for a time of fellowship.

— *The Family of Mike Westphal*

IN MEMORY OF Michael R. Westphal

August 21, 1951 — May 16, 2019

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Monday, May 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
Sliefert Funeral Home
Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY
Pastor Bradley Ketcham

ORGANIST
Eloise Obman

READING
Terry Bauer

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS
“Eternal Father! Strong to Save”
“How Great Thou Art”

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