



Michael Jay Pippin

November 12, 1957 - February 3, 2026

Michael Jay Pippin, 68, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Springfield Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. He was born November 12, 1957, to Walter and Alice (nèe Solman) Pippin in Pittsfield, Illinois.

Mike lived a life of courage, faith, and deep love for others. A proud U.S. Marine and retired Captain with the Illinois Secretary of State Police, he often placed himself in harm's way to protect others. Generosity guided his life; he took genuine joy in blessing people, especially when he could do it quietly and anonymously. He felt most at peace outdoors—camping, hunting, hiking, or biking—and had a lifelong love for animals of every kind, though he'd be the first to admit that if he could shoot it, he'd eat it. Mike cherished his wife and three children, loving them fiercely and unconditionally. Above all else, he was a faithful follower of Christ and a member of Berlin Christian Church. Mike lived his faith through both service and compassion. His strength, wisdom, humor, and selfless heart will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Michael is survived by his wife, Cheryl; two daughters, Emily and Katie Pippin; and his sister, Deborah Kemmerer. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Andrew Pippin.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:00 am at

Berlin Christian Church, 2580 S. Wake Rd, New Berlin, Illinois 62670. A private family graveside service will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Berlin Christian Church.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Michael's family with service arrangements.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Berlin Christian Church
2580 S. Wake Rd.
New Berlin, IL 62670

Tribute Wall

DK

“ To Cheryl, Emily and Katie,
I can't tell you how sorry I am about Mike's passing. He was obviously a great dad and husband — and a great person. Praying you can find some comfort in knowing he's in that much better place. God bless all of you!

Dave Kane - February 12 at 08:13 AM

ST

“ SC Urgent Care Team purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Michael Jay Pippin.



SC Urgent Care Team - February 10 at 05:52 PM

DK

“ Love you forever. -Sis

Deborah Kemmerer - February 08 at 09:26 AM

DK

“ Deborah Kemmerer lit a candle in memory of Michael Jay Pippin



Deborah Kemmerer - February 08 at 09:21 AM

BO

“ *A true leader in life and service; RIP Capt Pippin
Bobby Orr*

Bobby Orr - February 08 at 08:31 AM

DK

“ *Love you forever. -Sis*



Deborah Kemmerer - February 08 at 07:01 AM

EV

“ *Cheryl,
My son and Andrew were good buddies through high school. Mike
was always a role model for those young men and always
encouraging them to
“Be The Best You Can Be”. Even after Andrew passed away he
always had time to catch up with the guys. He was certainly one of a
kind and will be forever missed by many. You and the girls are in our
thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Edna Vaughn*

Edna Vaughn - February 07 at 09:32 PM

TT

“ *Terry Trueblood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Jay Pippin.*

Terry Trueblood - February 07 at 12:53 PM

TT

“ Terry Trueblood purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Michael Jay Pippin.



Terry Trueblood - February 07 at 12:53 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Jay Pippin



Larry and Mary Hundt - February 07 at 10:41 AM

RW

“ new Mike from when I worked security for sos great guy.

ronald wesley - February 07 at 09:27 AM