



## Michael "Vuj" Vujovich

August 11, 1948 - November 21, 2021

Michael "Vuj" Vujovich, 73, of Petersburg, IL, passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021. He was born in Forbach France on August 11, 1948 to Milonja and Hildegard (Boguschewski) Vujovich.

Vuj is survived by his son, Michael (Caitlin Solomon) Vujovich of Washington, IL; and one sister, Petra (Jerry) Weller of Spring, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, John Harold Vujovich; and one sister, Desanka (Major) Brown.

Vuj immigrated to the United States with his family in 1953. They settled in Chicago.

After high school, Vuj enlisted in the Marine Corps and served in-country during the Vietnam War. After returning home, he earned a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Western Illinois University and a Juris Doctorate degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. As a career prosecutor with a 95%+ average conviction rate, Vuj served the State of Illinois in various roles.

Vuj was an avid motorcycle rider and hunter, a lifelong supporter of the Marine Corps, and a treasured friend to many.

Cremation rites have been accorded, and a visitation will be held for Vuj on Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL. A graveside service will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery on Friday, December 10, 2021, at 11 a.m. Chaplain Joel Hobbick will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)  
Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL, is assisting the family with  
arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road  
Springfield, IL 62707  
(217) 492-4070

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Graveside

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Camp Butler National Cemetery  
5063 Camp Butler Road  
Springfield, IL 62707  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Vuj" Vujovich*

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October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Vuj and I were friends as classmates at Sullivan H.S. in Chicago. 22 years later we were reunited as prosecutors when Vuj got hired at McHenry County State's Attorney's Office. He was a true friend, a kindhearted man and a brilliant lawyer.*

*GLENN GABLE*

*Marengo, IL*

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**GLENN GABLE** - December 14, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *We met Vuj at Riverbank Lodge few years ago - what a fun and friendly man he was.*

*Always, a smile and kind word to us.*

*Shared, many talks with our mutual views on the world and politics - family- and right thing as we often laughed and said.*

*Always, had time for one more and a pat on the arm for us & our daughter Erica.*

*RIP- our friendship was short but, much cherished Vuj!*

*Johnny & Sandy Estill*

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**Sandy Estill** - December 08, 2021 at 10:28 AM

YM

“ *Your Brothers in the Marine Vets MC purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Michael "Vuj" Vujovich.*



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**Your Brothers in the Marine Vets MC** - December 07, 2021 at 03:28 PM

VM

“ *Words cannot express the shock and sorrow I have for my dear friend and colleague. Mike was such a great person because he had no agenda. What you saw was what you got . He was a honest and hard working attorney who believed it doing the right thing. Many peoples lives will be affected by his loss, I know mine is. My wife and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family. Mikes tour of life is one that will always be remembered and hopefully followed ,but I doubt if it can ever be copied. Vince and Shery Moreth*

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**Vince and Sherry Moreth** - December 07, 2021 at 02:19 PM

VM

“ *Vince and Sherry Moreth purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael "Vuj" Vujovich.*



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**Vince and Sherry Moreth** - December 07, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Vuj" Vujovich.*



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December 04, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear this terrible news. I met "Vuj" at Western Illinois University and hung out with him and friends even after we graduated. If memory serves, I was the guy that handed him a pamphlet for the LSAT test senior year at WIU. I remember a time Vuj took a couple of us to Mothers in downtown Chicago. We rocked to Elton John's new song "Saturday Night's Alright for a Fight" and went for tacos later that night. It was a fun time and remains a fond memory.  
Rest in peace, friend Vuj...*

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**Ladd Vagen** - December 03, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Vuj" Vujovich.*



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December 02, 2021 at 11:13 AM

CT

“ My heart sunk when I heard that Vuj passed away. I haven't seen him in many years, but I thought of him often...especially on Veterans Day. I remember one year riding on the back of his motorcycle out to Camp Butler cemetery for a Veteran's Day ceremony. Vuj was deep. He loved deeply--his friends, his family and his country. I'll always remember the conversations we had up at the "I" bar my friend. Wishing you peace in heaven with God and your family members who preceded you. Love you Vujie!

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**Cindy Timmermann** - December 01, 2021 at 09:33 AM

BW

“ Sorry to hear "Vuj" passed away. I've known him for 20 years of so. We belonged to the same motorcycle club  
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Bill "Too Tall" Woollen

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**Bill "Too Tall" Woollen** - November 30, 2021 at 09:08 PM

CU

“ My condolences to the Vujovich family. His passing left deep wound in my heart. I have quite a few great memories of Vuj. He was always very kind, and never heard him speak ill of anyone. I will miss him greatly and regret not having one last beer with him just a couple of weeks before his passing. Semper Fi brother and rest in peace.  
Chris

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**Chris Usherwood** - November 30, 2021 at 03:56 PM

YL

“ Your friends at Imaginary Landscape LLC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael "Vuj" Vujovich.



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**Your friends at Imaginary Landscape LLC** - November 30, 2021 at 01:27 PM

DI

“ i haven't seen vuj for awhile, not since my macoupin county sao days. he knew his stuff, was a pleasure to work with, and was always good for a laugh. my condolences to his loved ones. rip vuj.

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**dianne smith, girard, illinois** - November 30, 2021 at 12:45 PM

SS

“ I worked with Mike at the Attorney Generals Office in the early 1970s. We tried a case together in Macomb and I recall with fondness our trips back and forth with Howard Martin. Then he appeared in front of me in Sangamon County and we also worked together teaching trial advocacy for the Illinois States Attorneys Association. My last criminal case was against "Vuj" in Quincy where he bested me. Always prepared and thorough he was a top quality trial lawyer. My condolences to his family.

*Judge Stuart Shiffman*

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**Stuart Shiffman** - November 30, 2021 at 12:04 PM

MC

“ Brother VUJ Rest In Peace. You will be Greatly Missed. MARINE VETS MOTOR CYCLE CLUB Central Chapter. SEMPER FIDELIS. Drifter, Trax, Chaos, The Wanderer, Skyhawk , Lurch , and Root.

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**Marine Vets Motor Cycle Club Central Chapter** - November 30, 2021 at 11:56 AM

DC

“ Brother VUJ you will be missed by a great number of Bothers and Sisters and Good Friends. Enjoyed the Wednesday and Thursday nights at Connor's. Our ride to Texas will always be remembered. Brother there is not a highway you did not know when we went for a ride. Enjoyed being your Marine Brother and sharing our views on how to keep This Great Country Free and Safe. Brother rest in peace. Now You are Guarding THE GATES OF HAVEN. SEMPER FIDELIS Your MARINE BROTHER Skyhawk

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**Darryl Christofanelli** - November 30, 2021 at 10:34 AM

GS

“ I remember meeting when Vuj shortly after he became an ASA with Sangamon County. working. He had a great sense of humor, knew his job and was afraid of nothing and nobody. I'm sure many law enforcement officers have their own great 'Vuj' stories, and I distinctly remember him taking a case that a senior ASA had refused to file for various reasons. I went to Mike, laid everything out, told him the other ASA had refused it, and asked him to look it over. He took the case, filed several charges and ultimately secured a plea from the suspect for a significant amount of prison time. In doing so, he demonstrate his excellent knowledge of the law, skills as a prosecutor, willingness to go the distance and an outstanding work ethic. Over the years, we worked several other cases, and he never ceased to amaze, nor amuse, me.

*I am sincerely sorry to learn of his passing, but I feel privileged to have known such a great guy and will always remember the short, bald, guy that stood 10' tall. RIP Mike, you left this world a better and a safer place.*

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**Gary Stone** - November 30, 2021 at 07:56 AM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Howard & I have fond memories of Vui.*

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**Marilyn martin** - November 30, 2021 at 07:08 AM

GT

“ *Condolences to Mike's family and friends. Mike and I shared interests in the law and in motorcycling. He will be missed.*

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**George Tinkham** - November 30, 2021 at 01:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Vuj" Vujovich.*



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November 29, 2021 at 07:09 PM

HK

“ *So sorry for the loss of this dear friend and wonderful person. We will miss him greatly. Our love and sympathies to his family and friends. Rest in Peace Vuj. With love, Henry and Luann Kurth.*

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**Henry C. Kurth** - November 29, 2021 at 07:06 PM

JY

“ Vuj,

*I was shocked to hear of your passing. I hadn't talked with you for some time since moving to Florida. I enjoyed the times we shared with our Motorcycle Club and at the various functions we attended. Ride eternally in Heaven brother, you served your time in Hell. Until we meet again, Semper Fi.*

*J.D. Young*

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**J.D. Young** - November 29, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Vuj" Vujovich.*



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November 29, 2021 at 12:39 PM