



Charles "Mike" Eger

August 7, 1939 - May 31, 2013

Mike Eger, 73 of Bellvue, CO, died May 31, 2013 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins after a long illness. Cremation is planned and a private gathering to celebrate his life will be held.

Charles L. Eger was born August 7, 1939 in South Bend, Indiana to Charles and Alta Eger. He grew up in South Bend and attended Catholic School there. Mike, the name he always used graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and played four years of football with the Cornhuskers. He taught school in Wahoo and Springview, Nebraska and soon decided to go to work for the Lincoln Police Department and became a lieutenant on the police force.

On May 12, 1978, Mike married Karen Kors Gemmell and between them, they have three sons.

In 1980, Mike and Karen decided to move their family to Fort Collins to open a Valentino's Pizza restaurant. After a while, he opened a Valentino's in Longmont as well. Mike also worked for several years as a deputy Sherriff for the Larimer County Sherriff's office.

Mike enjoyed nature and sports and being outdoors and four-wheeling. He was something of a wildlife enthusiast and expert. He was the go-to-guy for

many with questions about wildlife. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mike is survived by his wife, Karen; three sons, Mike (and Cindy) Eger of Aurora, CO, Patrick Eger of Fort Collins and Scott (and Jennifer) Gemmell of Manhattan Beach, CA; five grandchildren, Audrey and Tony Eger of Arvada, CO, Madeline Gard of Fort Collins and Aiden and Austin Gemmell of Manhattan Beach, CA; and his three sisters, Joan Martin of Laporte, IN, Judy Riggs of McHenry, Ill and Jill Smith of Morristown, TN. In addition to other family, a niece, Kathy Yancey was especially attentive and supportive to Mike and Karen, and special thanks are due.

Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Mike" Eger

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I'm sorry to be responding so late, but I just learned of Mike's passing. Mike and I dated during high school--he at St. Joe (a big man on campus!) and I a cheer leader at Mishawaka H.S. We went to his prom together. His "crowd" was so carefree and fun. He saw me at a teen dance at Playland Park and got an introduction and asked me out. Everything was so fun and innocent back then. When he went off to Nebraska to play football and I was still in high school we eventually drifted apart, but my memories of him are special. He brought my little brother a football from Nebraska, and we still have it today. The last time I saw Mike was at his father's memorial service in South Bend.

He was one of the good guys. He'd gotten in some minor scrapes in high school and wanted to be in a position where he could help teens at risk. Looks like he did that.

If he and his friends were going to scrap with guys from another school at a dance, he'd have me hold his front "teeth" (his "partial" that he didn't want to get broken). lol Everyone I knew liked him. My sincerest sympathies to his family.

Becky (Eberhart) Bonne, Mishawaka, IN

Becky Bonne - July 03, 2013 at 12:11 PM

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“ I spent 26 years with LPD and Mike was my beat sergeant for awhile. I think one of my funniest moments in Law enforcement involved Mike. I would describe him as being light-hearted, respectfull and one that enjoyed the job of a police officer. Mike went out with me so that my activity would improve. He said I wasn't making enough traffic stops, wasn't assertive enough and need to produce more tavern violations. Well my first stop with Mike was an improper turn. I pulled this car over on 12th Street just north of O Street. I contacted the driver who gave me a passport and I couldn't understand the driver. Mike was up on the sidewalk watching. I yelled, Hey Sarg" do you speak any Japanese he said no let them go. we left and had a cup of coffee. He told me he didn't see any problems with me. He just told me to kick it up a notch. Later that evening I arrested a guy in a bar, he tested 3.2 BAC way over the legal limit for driving and I wrote up the Tavern for serving a drunk. The next day Mike asked me why I didn't report the violation to the Criminal CO, I said I didn't know that was the procedure, and where was that written down at. He said it wasn't but he said that was the highest BAC for serving a drunk in a tavern LPD had found so far. Again Mike said, you will be OK. I kept that up for 26 years. Sorry to hear of his illness and passing.

Tom Duden - June 11, 2013 at 02:51 PM

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*My condolence to Mikes family. Mike and I were on the TwinCity Swim Team when Mike was 8yrs and I was 9yrs old. He was a better swimmer than I was. I also was a Police Officer for the City of South Bend, In . Retireing after 20yrs of service.
Its is as small world.
With Sympathy Tom Gustafson*

Thomas Gustafson - June 17, 2013 at 07:20 PM

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“*"Mikey" is already deeply missed by those of us who loved and cared for him at GP. There is a hole in our collective hearts. Mike brought a sense of joy and mischief to our days. He had me laughing out loud just a few nights before he went to PVH! :) His wife was always so supportive and kind to us as well. My truest condolences and love,*

Millie

millie - June 10, 2013 at 12:54 AM