



## Michael J. Basner

August 28, 1951 - May 3, 2024

MICHAEL J. BASNER

Saginaw, Michigan

Michael (Mike) James Basner became a child of God by his baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on June 12, 1955. Mike died in Saginaw on Friday, May 3, 2024. Mike was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on August 28, 1951. He was the son of James C. Basner and Arla M.

(Robertson) Basner. He was survived by his wife of 51 years, Rev. Kathleen Anne (Parsons) Basner; daughters, Michelle M. Basner – Ketepa (David Ulg Ketepa) and Matilda Q. Basner; granddaughters, Lilean, Lovelyn, Samantha and Kathleen.

After graduating from Bridgeport High School, Mike graduated from Saginaw Valley State University, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and then worked for General Motors for 30 years. Mike retired from Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems Plant #3 Materials Laboratory.

During his life, Mike served of many church councils, boards and committees and lead many Bible studies for both adults and youth. For many years Mike was active at St. John Lutheran Church in Saginaw and the Lutheran Via de Cristo movement in central Michigan.

Mike was a 30 + year veteran in the Boy Scouts of America, with service to three different Troops, as well as serving in the Saginaw District, including District Commissioner. He earned some of scouting's highest adult awards, including the Lamb Award, the District Award of Merit, as well as Wood Badge Training.

Volunteerism was a big part of who Mike was. And he volunteered with The American Red Cross, earning their Volunteer of the Year, teaching First Aid and C.P.R. and led the drive for the Blood program and many other church and community services. Mike was the proud donor of over 21.5 gallons of blood for The Michigan Community Blood Program.

Mike was passionate about his hobby of woodcarving and was an active member of Tri-City Carvers. He carved many eagle head cane handles for the Patriot Cane Project, providing free canes for Veterans who served in active Theaters of War.

The Celebration of Mike's Life will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 501 S. Catherine St., Bay City, Michigan. Pastor Tim Jahn will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, on Thursday, May 9th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Then at the Church on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Mike's ashes will be laid to rest in Messiah Lutheran Church Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may consider a donation to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Those wishing to express their memories and sympathies of Mike may share them on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Messiah Lutheran Church Memorial Gardens

501 S. Catherine St.  
Bay City, MI 48706

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
wakemanfh@charter.net

## Visitation

MAY 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Messiah Lutheran Church - Bay City  
501 S. Catherine St.  
Bay City, MI 48706

## Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Messiah Lutheran Church - Bay City  
501 S. Catherine St.  
Bay City, MI 48706



# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Jessica E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Basner.

Jessica E. - May 09, 2024 at 06:46 PM

WA

“ Wayne A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Basner.

Wayne A. - May 09, 2024 at 08:53 AM

DR

“ Our thoughts, prayers, and love go out to Pastor Kathleen and Mike's family at this time of sadness. Mike will be missed by so many of us. Please know that we pray for God's Peace at this time. You are in God's hands. "God Bless". Drewe & Larry Robinson

Drewe Robinson - May 07, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael J. Basner.



May 06, 2024 at 05:41 PM

ES

“ Ervin Sparapani planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Basner.

Ervin Sparapani - May 06, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael J. Basner.



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May 06, 2024 at 01:11 AM



“ Doris Nolan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Basner.

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**Doris Nolan** - May 06, 2024 at 01:11 AM



“ Pastor Kathleen and Family; We are so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. We shall miss Mike's sense of humor and smile. We cherish all the good memories of times shared with Mike. We send out prayers. Know that God will continue to hold you in his loving embrace. Jim and Kathy Bocade



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**Kathy Bocade** - May 05, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michael J. Basner.



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May 05, 2024 at 02:29 PM