



## Michael "Mike" B. Rademacher

April 25, 1960 - October 21, 2022

Michael (Mike) B. Rademacher, 62, of Rosendale, died suddenly on Friday, October 21, 2022, at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee.

He was born on April 25, 1960, in Milwaukee, the son of Donald and Arlene Parise Rademacher. He was a graduate of Pius High School, Class of 1978. In his younger years, he enjoyed fishing with Grandpa and Dad and loved playing grade school basketball at St Anthony of Padua. A fond memory his sister Diane has is of many Sunday masses where he served as a most “angelic” altar boy. He also loved his time Saturday mornings spent with family including Grandma and Grandpa around the kitchen table having some breakfast.

On June 1, 1985, he married Jennifer J. Chop, in Milwaukee. In 1989, he and Jen established themselves as Rosendale residents, raising their 2 kids. Mike made many close long-term friends in the neighborhood. He will be forever remembered for his famous Adams Street lawn mower race.

Mike worked at Quad Graphics for over 30 years. In his free time, he enjoyed playing darts, and corn hole, and was an avid Wisconsin sports fan. Along with playing “bags”, he made many custom corn hole boards. He was a talented woodworker and built his Man-cave workshop where he spent hours designing and creating furniture and shelves for many thankful recipients. This

was a talent he discovered with/from his Dad, and he has passed this on to his Son. Mike was a true do-it-yourselfer and was willing to lend a hand whenever needed.

Mike studied culinary arts and loved to cook great meals for his family, sometimes taking his cooking to a scientific level. At family holidays, he was the turkey expert at preparing and carving the turkey. His techniques included grilling, deep frying, and baking at multiple temperatures for the ultimate juiciest, most tender turkey each Thanksgiving.

Enjoying time off and traveling was something Mike and Jen enjoyed, which most of us remember as the road trips to mostly Florida and Colorado, but he did summon the courage to fly a few times to visit a friend in Germany and lose money in Las Vegas.

He loved the beauty of Wisconsin summers and the many lakes, camping/camper life, kayaking, and hanging around the campfire. He was always keeping the fun going with jokes and music. He appreciated good music of varied genres and was always listening to something and quizzing people about the current song playing.

He will always be remembered for his sense of humor, gentle teasing, and ability to come up with a nickname. He was loyal to friends and family and he loved and was very proud of his wife and family and all of their accomplishments.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Jennifer Rademacher of Rosendale, his children: Jake (Kelly) Rademacher and Callie Rademacher both of Rosendale, his grandchildren: Silas, August, and Selene; and his sister Diane (James) Hove of Kissimmee, FL.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Donald.

SERVICE: Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at Schmitt's Bar & Grill, N7044 Winnebago Dr, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Cremation has taken place.

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration of Life**

NOV **13**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Schmitt's Bar & Grill  
N7044 Winnebago Dr,  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to Mikes family! My early life is full of fond memories growing up with Mike on 92nd. Shooting baskets in the Rademachers driveway, listening to 45's in the basement, sports with the neighborhood kids and going to the same grade school. My family moved from the neighborhood in the early 70's. Missed my childhood best friend. We later caught up with each other at my High Schools Sadie Hawkins dance. I have never forgotten and will always remember forever Mike!*

*Nice to know of the great life, wife, family and friends he lived for in his adult life. Went to Facebook to say Happy Birthday (knowing he didn't use FB too much) and saw the news of his passing. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with his family. Sincerely, Rosie Casper Hinkle*

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**Rosie Casper Hinkle** - April 25, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" B. Rademacher.*



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November 11, 2022 at 05:31 PM

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“Mike had a very positive impact on my life, even though I don't think he knew it.

*He was my best friend during middle school and even before. Like many kids that age, I struggled. He was always there for me. I looked up to him, even though he was over a year younger than me. He was so kind - he never said one bad word to me.*

*An example of his character would be him spending his summers helping me with my paper route. He even did the whole route for me when I was sick. One time he got bit by a dog when he was doing it alone. He never complained.*

*My first memory of Mike was when we were running down the sidewalk on 92nd Street. I think I was about six years old. Mike encouraged me to jump in a wheelbarrow that his dad was pushing up the hill that had stone slabs in it (I think for the wall his dad was building). I remember asking him if he was sure it's ok that I get in. He didn't hesitate and said YES! We both jumped in!*

*One time, I remember being in the car with Mike and his mom. I think it was a green Oldsmobile. Mike grabbed the snow brush that was on the floor next to our feet (we were in the front seat). He proceeded to push the end of the snow brush on his mom's foot - which was on the accelerator! She said, "Michael! Stop!" The three of us were laughing pretty hard. I loved my aunt and uncle, too!*

*We played basketball, baseball and strike out. We went sledding and ice skated at the Olympic ice rink when it was still outdoors. We swam in his family's pool. I loved these times with him.*

*Mike and I liked music. I remember him loving certain parts of songs and he'd have me put on headphones so I could hear them too. One song in particular was "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" by Elton John.*

*These are just a few of the great times and memories I had with Mike. I'm so thankful and blessed that he was in my life. I loved him. I will never forget him. He truly was like a brother to me.*

*Rick Duckhorn*

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**Rick** - November 05, 2022 at 05:54 PM

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“ *Jenny and Family I am so sad to hear about Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Vicki Huth*

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**Victoria Huth** - October 30, 2022 at 01:56 PM

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“ *Our prayers go out to family*

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**mike&susan moore** - October 27, 2022 at 08:14 AM



“ *Mike was amazing with a saw and some wood. He made his father in law a corner desk with drawers and shelves and a pull out computer shelf. This was made in Wisconsin put into their car, driven to our house in Florida, placed in our so called office and it fit perfectly! Now that is real talent!*

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**Betty Chop** - October 27, 2022 at 07:49 AM

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“ *One day Jenny and Silas were playing with green play dough and decided to make peas. They rolled the play dough into little balls and put them in a little bowl. Mike came home and said “I like peas and tossed a few into his mouth and found out quickly that they weren't really peas.*

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**Betty Chop** - October 27, 2022 at 07:42 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" B. Rademacher.*



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October 26, 2022 at 05:02 PM