



## Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts

June 6, 1950 - November 3, 2016

Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts, age 66, of Bowling Green, passed away Thursday, November 3, 2016 at his residence, surrounded by his family. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, November 7, 2016 at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with Rev. Jerry Gamm officiating. Burial will be held in the Fairview Grassy Creek Cemetery in Louisiana with military honors being conducted by the Missouri Military Honors Guard and VFW Post# 5553. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Sunday at the funeral home.

Mike was born June 6, 1950 in Louisiana, the son of Richard Wayne and Dorothy Mae Hiles Betts. He married Debra Faye Raney June 8, 1974 at the Grassy Creek Baptist Church. She survives. Other survivors include son Shane Betts (Heather) of Bowling Green; daughter Raney Dihle (Erick) of Wentzville; seven grandchildren Breyden Durham, Skyler Durham, Hayley Durham, Coltyn Betts, Meredyth Betts, Jack Dihle and Claire Dihle; twin brother Edward Mac Betts (Jerry) of Bowling Green and brother Richard Betts (Betty) of St. Louis; sister Sandra Allen (John) of Bowling Green; uncle Billy Joe Betts (Peggy) Bowling Green; aunts Willene Gamm of Bowling Green, Pauline Grant of Vandalia, Gladys Love (Charlie) of Bowling Green and Loretta Betts of Reno, NV; nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mike grew up in Pike County, graduating from Bowling Green High School in 1968. He served in the United States Army as a Supply Sergeant with the 1/502d infantry 101st Airborne (Airmobile) and is a Vietnam Veteran and received the Bronze Star Medal. Mike was a participant in the Great River Honor Flights as an honor guard as well as serving as a guardian. In 2015, Mike and his brothers traveled in the honor flight with his daughter Raney serving as their guardian. He was a member of the OCAW union and worked at Hercules for 35 years until his retirement. Mike was an active member of the VFW Post #5553, was active on the military honors guard and served on the Pike County War Memorial committee. He loved to travel, hunt, ride his motorcycle and four wheeler. Mike enjoyed coffee with his friends, working on the farm and watching his grandkids participate in sports and just spending time with them.

Serving as pallbearers will be Richie Allen, Troy Allen, Bobby Betts, Jesse Betts, Conner Betts, Jody Betts and Brendan Betts. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Terry Conrow, David Brown, Larry Brown, Greg Brown, Steve Gamm, Rodney Gamm, Kent Betts, Monte Sisson and Danny Wood.

Memorials may be made to the Pike County Hospice, VFW Post #5553 or the Pike County War Memorial.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Grassy Creek

Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
(573) 324-2211  
office@bibbveach.com  
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## Funeral Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SB


“ *If a kid could wish for the best dad ever. He was it for sure!*  
*Love,*  
*Shane*

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**Shane Betts** - January 13, 2017 at 05:32 PM

PT

“ *Debby and family, so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. Love and prayers for you all.*

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**Patty Topinke** - November 11, 2016 at 12:58 PM

 Susan  
Thurmon

“ *Debby, Shane, and Raney, just want you to know that we are very sorry for your loss. Praying that God will send you comfort at this time and in the days to come.*

*Bobby and Susan Thurmon*

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**Susan Thurmon** - November 06, 2016 at 07:08 PM

JH

“ *John And Linda Harmon lit a candle in memory of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts*



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**John and Linda Harmon** - November 06, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - November 05, 2016 at 06:17 PM

DE

“ My deepest sympathy mike was a great guy



Deanie EBers - November 05, 2016 at 03:23 PM

LM

“ Liliana & Joan - True MFG purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts.



Liliana & Joan - True MFG - November 05, 2016 at 12:41 PM

GM

“ Greg, Laylee, Matthew, Jonathan, and Michelle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts.



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**Greg, Laylee, Matthew, Jonathan, and Michelle** - November 05, 2016 at 11:29 AM

DL

“ It was a privilege to have known Mike. He was a wonderful asset to our VFW and Auxiliary. He was always so upbeat about everything. He will be missed.  
Doris Lindsay

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**Doris Lindsay** - November 05, 2016 at 11:01 AM

 Cheryl Litton

“ Cheryl Litton lit a candle in memory of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts



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**Cheryl Litton** - November 05, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts.



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November 05, 2016 at 08:56 AM

DF

“ *David & Susan Brown and family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts.*



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**David & Susan Brown and family** - November 05, 2016 at 12:37 AM

TD

“ *Tom And Jean Dempsey lit a candle in memory of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts*



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**Tom and Jean Dempsey** - November 04, 2016 at 07:53 PM

KO

“ *Kathy Orf lit a candle in memory of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts*



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**Kathy Orf** - November 04, 2016 at 07:30 PM

SH

“ *Prayers to all of you.*



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**Susan Henry-Reichard** - November 04, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts.*



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November 04, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ *Stefanie Koester lit a candle in memory of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts*



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**Stefanie Koester** - November 04, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ *Stefanie Koester lit a candle in memory of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts*



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**Stefanie Koester** - November 04, 2016 at 03:36 PM



“ *Cheryl Litton lit a candle in memory of Edwin Michael "Mike" Betts*



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**Cheryl Litton** - November 04, 2016 at 03:04 PM

MC

*Mike was a wonderful person who cared so much for his family and especially his grandkids. Will miss seeing him at sporting events and that smile that was always on his face. Prayers for the family*

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**Mike and Donna Colbert** - November 05, 2016 at 05:15 PM

JH

*Deb, you and your family have my deepest sympathy! He fought the good fight and God blessed you to be able to have Mike in your lives for this long. I know his lack of presence will leave a big hole in your family. May God give you strength and comfort as you continue your journey in this life without your mate.*

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**Joyce Hummel** - November 06, 2016 at 01:25 PM