



## Michael "Mike" John Rost

October 10, 1951 - January 9, 2023

Michael "Mike" John Rost, age 71, of Albia, IA, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2023, at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines, IA.

Mike was born on October 10, 1951, in Des Moines, IA, to Louis and Ida (Thorson) Rost. He grew up attending school and graduated from Dowling Catholic High School before obtaining his Associate of Arts degree at Indian Hills Community College in Centerville, IA. On March 5, 1972, he was united in marriage to Phyllis Elaine Teter at her parents' home in Missouri and to this union, 3 daughters were born, Flevia, Sheryl, and Michele. Mike and Phyllis were blessed with 43 years of marriage prior to her passing on May 11, 2015.

Mike had a 20+ year career at Bridgestone and Firestone in Des Moines, where he started out in the warehouse and worked himself up to the warehouse manager. He also farmed for more than 40 years and was a rural mail carrier in Monroe County for 12 years.

Farming was Mike's passion. He row cropped and raised Suffolk sheep before later in life having a herd of Limousin cattle. He enjoyed being outdoors and four wheeling around the farm. He enjoyed watching and reading Westerns, especially Louis L'Amour and Zane Gray. Above all else, Mike enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his 3 daughters, Flevia (Chad) Dustin, Sheryl Luce, and Michele (Tim) Somers; 11 grandchildren, Ashley, Kayla, Brett, Breanna, Cole, Taylor, Emily, Megan, Sarah, Kara, and Aydan; and 2 great grandchildren, Gabriel and Ivory.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; his parents, Louis and Ida Rost; and a brother, Alan Rost.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Mike's family present to greet family and friends. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the Albia Public Library.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" John Rost*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Michael "Mike" John Rost*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I work with the Soil Conservation Service in Monroe County. I had the fun and privilege of getting to work with Mike going back first to a farm pond we designed for him probably 20 years ago. Over the years, we worked on the conservation plan for the farm but we also had just good old conversations about life. When I heard he had passed. I was truly saddened. My sincere condolences to the family. I had hoped to come in for the service but I have a bug and better not spread it. Ron Peterson. Division of Soil Conservation*

**Ron Peterson** - January 21, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Denny Amoss lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" John Rost*



**Denny Amoss** - January 13, 2023 at 02:56 PM