



## Michael M. Jensen

November 2, 1940 - January 11, 2019

Michael M. Jensen, 78, of Centralia, passed away Friday, January 11, 2019, at Centralia Manor.

Mike, aka The Ranger, was born November 2, 1940, in Centralia, the son of Ralph M. Jensen and Nona (Tunnel) Jensen. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Charlotte (Henry) Jensen; his two sons: Stuart Jensen (Allison) of Littleton, CO and Brian Jensen (Julie) of Elgin, IL; two grandchildren: Lily and Wyatt Jensen; cousins: Virginia Heinzmann of Centralia, Paul Heinzmann and wife Martha of Centralia, and Paul Storment and wife Joann of Belleville. Mike was preceded in death by his parents: Ralph and Nona Jensen and several aunts and uncles.

Mike attended Westminster College in Fulton, MO, graduating in 1962, and was a member of the Delta Tau chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He served in Vietnam as a Communications-Intelligence Officer for the Commander, Taiwan Patrol Force, 7th Fleet in Southeast Asia. His career in Commercial Real Estate afforded him many happy years living with his family in Colorado enjoying time in Denver, Granby, and Westcliffe. Mike was a collector of western memorabilia and loved going to auctions, horseback riding, studying history, telling stories, and traveling. Mike loved bacon with extra salt!

A Celebration of Life visitation will be held Saturday, January 26, 2019 from

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Centralia Humane Society and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Jensen family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pink, White, and Purple Dahlias (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Michael M. Jensen.*



June 07, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ *373 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - January 25, 2019 at 05:55 PM

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“ So one of my earliest and favorite friends is gone. It took me a couple of days to come to grips with that. Irving school, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, riding horses together after watching *The Range Rider* on Saturday mornings and being scared to death of Mary who owned the barn where Mike kept his horse. High School, cars, girls and soon, the horses were forgotten. After high school we went our separate ways but ran into each other occasionally and talked on the phone from time to time. The last time being in the spring of 2018 and it was like we had just talked the day before. What a wonderful person and friend he has been and he leaves us all with great and cherished memories. I know this is an immeasurable loss to his family and there aren't words that are sufficient to make it more bearable but we are all left with the memories. Happy memories that we can return to and be thankful for having had Michael in our lives. He was a blessing from God.

*Richard Copple*

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**Richard Copple** - January 17, 2019 at 03:15 PM

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“ I share in the loss of a Sigma Chi Brother and one of the true Good Guys of a young past. Mike will be missed.

*Bob Evans*

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**Robert Evans** - January 17, 2019 at 01:30 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Woody Duncan Home** - January 17, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Michael M. Jensen*.



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January 16, 2019 at 03:36 PM

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“ *You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. I am so sorry.*  
*Tom Martin, M.D.*

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**Tom Martin** - January 16, 2019 at 08:56 AM