



## Michael Crowley

May 7, 1945 - March 9, 2022

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we grieve the passing of Michael P. Crowley, of (Boulder Junction, Wisconsin) on March 9, at the age of 76 years, after a long and courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

Mike was born and raised in Boscobel, Wisconsin, left the state for over 30 years for his job at Caterpillar, in Aurora, Illinois, where he married his wife Marshia in 1967, but always knew in his heart he would be back to Wisconsin. After many years of vacationing in northern Wisconsin, he was able to retire in 1998 and they moved to the Northwoods of Wisconsin, to the area that they had grown to know and love. Mike always had a passion for capturing nature and wildlife photos and after retiring he had the joy of always being in the moment and capturing the beauty of the area that surrounded him. He felt truly blessed and was so happy to have many of his photos published in magazines and calendars, and loved sharing photos on Facebook of the beauty of the Northwoods for his many followers. He was so inspired and touched by the many wonderful comments that so many made on his photos. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 54 years, Marshia (Steinke); beloved children and grandchildren: Nick (Leanne) Crowley, Melissa (Trig Holtan) Crowley and Matthew (Sara) Crowley, Kyle Crowley and Mackenzie Crowley; sister, Lois (Terry) Hanson; sister-in-law, Rita Crowley, brother-in-law, Mark (Deanna) Steinke; as well as other relatives and friends.

He will also be dearly missed by his followers of Life in the Northwoods on Facebook, for whom he was so grateful.

He was predeceased by his parents, John J. (Lois Rice) Crowley, his sister Clare Kerwin and brother John B. Crowley.

There will be a private family gathering for a celebration of life.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association. This organization was so very helpful in dealing with this cruel disease. It probably saved my life and helped me to care for Mike much longer than I would otherwise have been able to. For anyone dealing with this disease, or if you know someone dealing with it, I would urge you to join their support group for the understanding, excellent advice and tips, and if nothing else, moral support in knowing that you are not alone. You don't even have to participate if you are not inclined, just reading what other people have shared of their experiences and emotions is such a help and comfort. If you are a spouse or partner caring for your loved one 24/7, only someone else in the same situation has any real idea of what you are going through. The support forum of Alzheimer's Association is also an excellent support resource for those dealing with any type of dementia.

There really needs to be more awareness and recognition of what dementia is doing to the people who are suffering from it, and what it is doing to the families who are dealing with it.

Alternatively donations could be made in Mike's name to the Boulder Junction Public Library, PO Box 9, Boulder Junction, WI 54512. The director of the library was instrumental in making a connection for Mike to a magazine, Our Wisconsin, that has used many of his photos, and this led to other publishing opportunities. The library also used many of Mike's images in decorating when they moved to a new building.

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Mike his gorgeous photos of the beauty and wildlife of northern Wisconsin brought me much joy. I am greatly saddened to learn of his passing. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family!

Leah Paulsen-Austin - November 24, 2022 at 01:56 PM

MT

“ So Sorry for your loss. I am so glad your son is carrying on your husband s love of taking photos. He will have true followers of Your beloved husband. Prayers To You All.

Millie Troup - April 08, 2022 at 01:19 PM

SW

“ We will miss the talent of his photography. Loved the north woods. We had a home in lake tomahawk for 27 years. Miss it dearly but Mike kept me connected to the beautiful pictures. His legacy will be remembered.



SUSAN WALLACE - March 20, 2022 at 06:12 PM

CR

“ John and I are so very sorry to hear of Michael's passing. We loved seeing pictures on Facebook of his art work and throughout the years the amazing albino deer snapshots. Of course Frost. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Carol Reichling - March 14, 2022 at 10:50 PM

GF

“ To the family of Michael Crowley: I am so sorry that Mike has left this earth. I enjoyed his photos SO much. I am afraid that I also enjoyed that it was he and not me out in the cold and heat and bugs and whatever . Marshia, I know that you were with Mike on many, if not all of his trips,,and that some of those photos were yours. My heart hurts for you. Know that you are appreciated and will be remembered. BTW- I have told people that the white deer Frost was named after me::: Well, she couldn't have been named before me- - I was born way before her. Ginny FROST.

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**Ginny Frost** - March 12, 2022 at 08:04 PM

CA

“ Rest in peace Michael. Thank you for sharing your gift of photography and the beauty you captured of nature and wildlife. Your photos of the white deer fascinated me. Prayers for you and your family. Cathy in Milwaukee

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**cathy** - March 12, 2022 at 07:49 PM

BR

“ I enjoyed the photos Mike shared with his Facebook Fans. His love for the creatures showed clearly in his pictures.

*His fans and I will miss his creative and loving spirit. May he rest in peace.*

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**Brenda Barnett Retzlaff** - March 12, 2022 at 04:47 PM

SU

“ It was my lucky day when I stumbled upon a link to follow Life In the Northwoods on Facebook. I enjoyed meeting Blue Eyes and her children and all the other beautiful images that Mike shared with us. He will be missed. RIP Mike.

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**Susan** - March 12, 2022 at 02:56 PM

CH

“ I will have memories of his beautiful eye for his photos. Hugs to you

Cheryl Afams- Hickman - March 12, 2022 at 12:20 PM

SU

“ Shirley Urbanek lit a candle in memory of Michael Crowley



shirley urbanek - March 12, 2022 at 11:41 AM

JO

“ Mike's photographs shared on Facebook drew me in, as he seemed to capture the emotive shared by animals. My favorites were the white deer he shared with us, "Blue Eyes", " Frost" and many others. I felt like I was strolling through the woods with him when he would share a photograph of a lake stting. Thank you for sharing your gift. My condolences to Marshia, the extended family members, and friends of Mike. May memories of happier days help you through your journey with grief.

J. L. Olin - March 12, 2022 at 10:49 AM

BB

“ Brenda Blamer lit a candle in memory of Michael Crowley



Brenda Blamer - March 12, 2022 at 09:31 AM

BB

“ Mike will be missed by all. Such a great person. Always looked forward and enjoyed his photos of Blue Eyes and the other deer. I will miss him and the photos. Maybe you will continue the photos. Hope so. May God be with you and your family.

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**Brenda Blamer** - March 12, 2022 at 09:31 AM

ST

“ I did not know Mike personally. I followed him on Facebook and always looked forward to his beautiful pictures of the Northwoods. I will miss seeing them. Love and prayers to his family and others who loved him.

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**Sheri Thomas** - March 12, 2022 at 08:26 AM

CL

“ The first pictures I remember him sharing was the white deer . I couldn't wait to share them with my friends on Facebook . He helped keep me close to Wisconsin and my love of the quiet I felt in his pictures . Living in Arizona now is wonderful but I miss the changing of the seasons . Even the snow . When Mike talked about plowing paths for the deer it reminded me of the times my husband used the snow blower to make paths for our dog . Of course they had to be big enough so he could play hide and seek too . Kind of like the deer did to Mike . I think many of them knew him and looked for him too . I'm so glad you will keep sharing his pictures with us . Many hugs to you and your family .

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**Chris Larsen** - March 12, 2022 at 08:13 AM

GW

“ *Gayle Weesies lit a candle in memory of Michael Crowley*



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**Gayle Weesies** - March 12, 2022 at 08:10 AM

SP

“ *Thank you Mike for the beautiful photos and pictures and the joy of nature. You will always be thought of and missed. Rest in peace and praying for you wife and family. Thank you*

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**susan and tom pagel** - March 12, 2022 at 08:00 AM



“ *Our family has enjoyed Mike's photos on Life in the Northwoods for the past several years. We will miss his wonderful talent. We want to wish the family our heartfelt sympathy. We are currently going thru Lewy Body Dementia with my mom, so I am familiar with some of the things you may have had to go thru. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Sue Kort** - March 11, 2022 at 05:03 PM