



Michael P. Moll

October 15, 2013

Michael Peter Moll of Manitowish Waters, WI died Tuesday, October 15 at Howard Young Medical Center, Woodruff. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 9, 1932 to Peter and Loretta (Dinschel) Moll. Mike was a proud veteran of the Marine Corps based out of Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, and served in the Korean Conflict Era as a tank crewman and leader from September 1949 to December 1952.

Michael married Maren Faith Swanson on April 18, 1953; they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Mike and Maren bought their first home in Williams Bay, WI and worked at Yerkes Observatory then later built a farmer's market and deli on Highway 50, Lake Geneva. They then sold this business and built their own home on South Shore Drive, Lake Geneva where they created and built their own handcrafted furniture and wood products business called Timber Treasures while Mike also worked at American Motors Company in Kenosha.

Following years of vacationing and owning their own cabin and farmette in Gleason, WI, they travelled further north to stay at Red Feather Lodge in Manitowish Waters before deciding to follow their dream to purchase their own resort on the Manitowish Chain, Waukegan Lodge on Fawn Lake. They renamed it Moll's Timber Lodge in which they ran from 1977 until 1995. Mike also served as town constable, a position he took seriously and was proud of

and honored to hold, much to the chagrin of those skiing after dusk while he was on water patrol.

Mike and Molly continued their antique and woodworking business on Highway 51 with their gift shop, Timber Treasures, until retirement. Mike was known to many who stopped by his pole barn where he had a workshop and friends and customers would stop. He would love to visit with them and many became good friends. He was an amazing, self-taught artist and a master at furniture restoration and cane weaving. He used great care and precision as a wood carver of mostly ducks, loons, and other northern birds and was a knowledgeable collector of wildlife prints, fishing lures, and antiques. He would carve many birds and Maren would paint them for sale in their businesses and at craft shows. He was an avid antique and collectibles connoisseur where he would learn about items and purchase at auctions or estate sales and sell at shows or in their stores. His daughter's home is filled with many of his pieces he restored, built and carved.

Throughout his 36 years of living in the northwoods, he enjoyed animals and wildlife, gardening, resort life, and working in his workshop. Most of all, Michael loved and was very proud of his family. His sense of humor and operatic voice, among other qualities, will be missed very much by those who loved him. Michael was preceded in death and will be joined with his mother and father, two brothers, Joseph and George, and mother-in-law, Dorothy Kasmar. Family he is leaving behind includes his loving wife, Maren "Molly"; children, Jody and Chris Bognar, Joe and Sharon Moll of Manitowish Waters; grandchildren, Joe and Jamie Moll, and Alison "Ali" Bognar; and sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Ray Jurkowski of Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Graveside services to be held Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Pinelawn Cemetary, Manitowish Waters, Rev. Chips Paulson presiding. Family and friends welcome. Donations may be made in memory of Michael to the

charity of one's choice.

“For the Lord does not abandon anyone forever. Though he brings grief, he also shows compassion according to the greatness of his unfailing love.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Cemetery

Manitowish Waters, WI 54545

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Throughout his 36 years of living in the northwoods, he enjoyed animals and wildlife, gardening, resort life, and being in his workshop. His daughter’s home is filled with many of his pieces he restored, built, and carved; one in particular is a dresser that Mike worked diligently to finish in time for the early arrival of his granddaughter.

Most of all, Michael loved and was very proud of his family. In years past, he enjoyed attending his older grandchildren’s hockey games and, more recently, Alison’s tennis matches. He insisted on watching her play her last home match of the season, just three prior to his passing. Ali will miss his good-natured teasing of her, sense of humor, and never ending interest in her life and talents.

His daughter will remember his love of Pavarotti and care he took when babysitting their pets, like they were his own, and will miss their conversations about wildlife sightings or sports over a cup of tea. They were a lot alike and understood each other well and she always sensed his pride and care for her. Special memories include driving her to the church to be married and also riding home in a snowstorm from the bus stop on a snowmobile, while she was wearing a dress. He always made sure to thank his son-in-law for helping them out or for their visits, no matter how brief they were. His sense of humor, operatic voice, and always wanting to help others and care first about their happiness, among other qualities, will be missed very much by those who loved him.

Jody Bognar - December 01, 2013 at 04:14 PM

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“ Maren and family, please accept our deepest sympathy for you loss of Mike, husband and father. We have great memories of Mike, as I'm sure that you do, as well. He was upbeat and never complained though there were many times that he must have been in pain.

*Wishing you fond memories of this wonderful man,
John and Barbara cFarland and Family*

Barbara McFarland - October 31, 2013 at 03:07 PM

CD

“ The Molls were family friends of Alex and Margaret Murawski ("Am" and "Baba" to my brother, Freddy, and myself), who were my grandparents. Most of my fondest memories involve vacationing to Manitowish Waters to visit them. One in particular was an amazing Christmas dinner hosted by Mike and Molly, some 30 years ago. The dinner was amazing, the tree was amazing, and the presents were amazing, as Mike gave Freddy and myself some carvings of his, which we still have to this day. I miss my grandparents as much as I miss that dinner, and am thankful for the hospitality the Molls provided us with. I know my words can only bring so much comfort in this time of loss, but I would like you to know that I am very thankful to have experienced such great times with such a jovial Man, who was ready to give from his heart with a smile every time we got the opportunity to see Him. Mike passed on my birthday, and you all will be in my heart now and with every birthday to come. Your family blessed my family, and I would like to thank you for everything you did for Am, Baba, Freddy, myself, and Mom and Dad. Our deepest condolences go out to you and yours.

christian dye - October 28, 2013 at 03:49 AM

JB

Thank you. I may recall meeting you. I'm not sure. I've not read this until now. It will be 10 years since my dad passed on Oct 15. I remember your grandparents well and enjoyed their company and glad they were such great friends of my parents. Jody Moll Bognar

Jody Bognar - May 17, 2023 at 02:12 AM