



Michael Joseph Hilber

June 18, 1935 - February 4, 2025

HILBER, Michael Joseph. February 4, 2025. Age 89. Beloved husband of Judy for 63 incredible years. Loving father of Joseph (the late Joan), Patrick (Jennifer), and Kay Jarred. Proud and adored grandfather of David (Kristina) Hilber, Renee (Scott) Milinovich, Amy Hilber (Lloyd Mandelbaum), Jaclyn (Alex) McGowen, Melissa Jarred, and great grandfather of Christopher, Alexa, Laine, Leon, James, Aaron, Hayden, Walker, and Ellen. Dear brother of John (the late Antoinette), and the late Rosemarie. Treasured uncle of Paul.

Funeral Monday, February 10th, 2025, Instate from 9:30am until time of 10am Mass at St. Kieran Church, 53600 Mound Rd., Shelby Twp., 48316 (Btw. 24 & 25 Mile). Memorial contributions are appreciated to the American Cancer Society (<https://donate.cancer.org/>). Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Instate / Funeral Mass

FEB **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran
53600 Mound
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

Tribute Wall



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Hilber.*



February 10, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Joseph Hilber.

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“ *GM (Cutting Tools and MPP Team) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Joseph Hilber.*



GM (Cutting Tools and MPP Team) - February 07, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ *Karen & Patrick Huston purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Michael Joseph Hilber.*



Karen & Patrick Huston - February 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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“ Karen & Patrick Huston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Joseph Hilber.

Karen & Patrick Huston - February 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Michael Photos



Patrick Hilber - February 06, 2025 at 10:00 AM

“Michael Joseph Hilber, joined hands with God during the early morning hours on February 4th, 2025. The world will miss one of God’s lights on earth as he becomes a light in heaven.

Michael was born June 18th, 1935. He was the youngest of three children. John, his brother, was the oldest, and Rose Marie was his sister. He was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1953 and shortly afterward he entered The Marine Corp, during the time of the Korean War, where he attained the rank of Corporal. He always felt a sense of pride and accomplishment in his service for his country at this stage in his life.

Following his time in service, he attended and graduated from the Lawrence Institute of Technology with a Bachelor’s Degree in Industrial Management. Eventually, he found employment with General Motors, working for the Fisher Body Division at the GM Technical Center. Michael loved his job, in which he was involved with the development of vehicle assembly systems and the installation of them at virtually every vehicle assembly plant in North America. He loved the camaraderie with fellow workers, and he especially enjoyed traveling to different regions of the continent. He worked for GM for nearly 40 years, retiring in 2002.

Michael’s overriding passion was his love for the automobile. He owned a Ford Thunderbird when he was a young man, he purchased a Corvette later in life, and threw himself into the restoration of a 1936 Ford sedan. His favorite vehicle was his sapphire blue 1950 Ford pickup truck. He eventually sold those vehicles, to then purchase a shiny new 2023 Chevrolet Camaro convertible. Every vehicle he ever owned he kept squeaky clean and well-polished. He was practically a life-long member of the Ford-Mercury Restorers Club, plus others. He had many friends in these circles. He traveled to and participated in car shows around the country and attended many functions with his car club buddies. Oftentimes, it was a simple breakfast club or ‘car meets’ at places

like Culver's. Other times it was a formal dinner affair, or an exhibition at a private car collection. It meant a lot to him that he could continue to follow his passion and connect with others in this way during his years of retirement.

Michael loved to travel. In addition to his travels with GM, there were many family vacations to places around the country (by car!). He introduced his family to camping, which included canoeing and hiking excursions. There were also week-long cottage stays in various places around Michigan. During the intervening years, he traveled with his wife, Judy, to many memorable places around the world (Italy, Ireland, France, Hawaii, Alaska, just to name a few). For a time, Michael and Judy made the annual pilgrimage to Florida to escape Michigan's cold wintry blast. There, they had a collection of close friends and acquaintances with whom they could spend time with and enjoy the weather.

Michael was a devoted husband, father, brother, and friend. He cherished his relationships with others. He struck up conversations with others with great ease and demonstrated a tremendous interest in others. Once he made friends with someone, they were a friend for life. He will be sorely missed. He leaves behind his loving wife, Judy. His brother, John. His sons, Joseph (Joan), and Patrick (Jennifer). His daughter Katherine. His grandchildren David (Kristina), Renee (Scott), Amy (Lloyd), Jaclyn (Alex), and Melissa. His great-grandchildren Christopher, Alexa, Hayden, Laine, James, Walker, Aaron, Leon, and Ellen. It is a gift that everyone who knew Michael had the opportunity to share a life experience with him.

Patrick Hilber - February 06, 2025 at 09:57 AM

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“ Susan H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Michael Joseph Hilber.



Susan H. - February 06, 2025 at 03:04 AM

FP

“ From John and Brenda Phillips purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Joseph Hilber.



From John and Brenda Phillips - February 04, 2025 at 08:11 PM

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“ From John and Brenda Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Joseph Hilber.

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