



## Michael James Brander

September 15, 1952 - May 24, 2019

Michael James Brander, age 66, of Denver, Colorado and formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, May 24, 2019 in Spencer, Iowa.

A celebration of life will take place Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to a charity of your choice or cancer research. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mike was born September 15, 1952 the son of Lloyd and Esther (Dusing) Brander.

He attended school at St. Mary's and Storm Lake High School where he graduated in 1970. Following high school graduation, he attended Fort Dodge Community College for one year.

After college, Mike went to Denver, Colorado where he worked at various jobs before becoming a mail carrier for the United States Post Office where he worked until the onset of cancer. Mike loved sports of all kinds. He especially loved baseball, football and basketball. Mike was an avid Denver Broncos fan. Colorado was his home; he loved the mountains. In his spare time, he enjoyed traveling to Mexico and other places to meet new people and learn

their cultures.

He was a very kind and generous person and was always willing to help those in need. His friends have many stories about his generosity and loyalty. He was a loner and lived very frugally; he always recycled and did not waste anything. He loved his country; he was proud of being a U.S. postal employee.

Mike will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him. Those left to cherish his memory include his mother, Esther Brander of Spencer, Iowa; sisters: Frances Hood of Humboldt, Iowa; Barb (Dan) Jorgensen of Spencer, Iowa; Patty (Joe) Lee of Iowa City, Iowa; and Joni Brander of Chicago, Illinois; six nieces; five nephews; aunts: Mary Hartman and Doris Dusing; many cousins; extended family and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Brander; uncles: Tony Brander; Charles (Genie) Dusing; Jim (Doris) Dusing; Carl Hartman; aunts: Mary (Morris) Hibbs; Millie (Bill) Glyn; Lorraine (Glen) Peterson; Rose (Chuck) Mills; and Agnes (Scottie) Scott.

A special thank you to his friends, Johnny Callaghan and Jim Jorgensen, both from Aurora, Colorado for all of the help they extended to Mike and his family during these difficult times.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed skiing with Mike (Tubby) at A-Basin in the 70's. He lived in a cool wooden cabin close to it. He was a dare-devil and was a lot of fun to ski with. I lived in Greeley, Colorado at the time while student teaching and visited Gary Bowles and Tubby. We had a lot of fun. Good picture of you Mike!! May you be at peace in heaven.

Sandy Davis - June 11, 2019 at 08:29 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - June 08, 2019 at 10:02 AM

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“ Sympathy for Mike's family. My heart goes out to you all.  
Sallie Swenson Leibhart

Sallie Leibhart - June 03, 2019 at 07:51 PM

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“ Jane Else lit a candle in memory of Michael  
James Brander



Jane Else - May 30, 2019 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Toni and Barb and family, my prayers are with you!!!!*

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**Jane Else** - May 30, 2019 at 10:34 AM