

## Michael Degner

April 8, 1957 - July 5, 2019

Michael Degner, age 62, of Albert City, Iowa died on Friday, July 5, 2019 at his home in Albert City, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Varina. Burial will be in the Varina Cemetery. Visitation will take place on Monday, July 8, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael Frederick Degner, the son of Frederick and Thelma (Erickson) Degner, was born on April 8, 1957 in Storm Lake, Iowa. He was baptized as an infant and later confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Albert City.

He attended Albert City-Truesdale where he graduated in 1975, it was here that he met his high school sweetheart after she asked him for a ride in his 1972 Camaro. He married that sweetheart, Melody Lee McVinua-Lynn, on July 24, 1975 at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Albert City.

The couple started their married life on the farm where they lived until 1989. After moving the family off the farm, Michael began trucking as a full time owner/operator.

Upon his father's retirement, Michael returned to the farm. "Once a farm boy, always a farm boy". Michael never gave up on his dream of returning to the family farm. He shared this joy with his wife in seeing their son farming and all of the grandchildren coming out and teaching them to love the life of farming. Michael never thought of farming as a job but as a lifestyle; this is what he passed down to his children and grandchildren. This joy is what makes life worth living.

Mike was active in his community as a volunteer fireman and EMT-D for Albert City. Mike came home to Varina Methodist Church in July of 2018. He has served as vice president of the Varina Cemetery board and a trustee for the Varina Methodist Church.

In his free time, Mike enjoyed woodworking where he built a house, cabinets, furniture, and things for his family. Mike also loved Nascar races, grilling, motorcycles and camping with his family. Any time spent with family, whether it was working together or just enjoying life with them, was good.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Melody Degner of Albert City, Iowa; children: Leigh (Jason) Schultz of Albert City, Iowa; Misti (Carlos) Garcia of Pocahontas, Iowa; Michael (Laura) Degner Jr. of Newell, Iowa; grandchildren: Chelsey Schultz, Nathaniel Schultz, Robert Grant Jr., Antonio Garcia, Gregorio Garcia, Jordan Degner, and Peyton Degner; sisters, Lucinda (Bill) O'Neall and Suzanne (Dan) Shold; Josh Holt (who was like a son to Michael) and extended family and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Freddie and Thelma Degner; brother, Ron Degner; grandparents: Fred and Arvilla Degner; Willis and Sophie Erickson; father-in-law, Roger McVinua and step-mother-in-law, Carolyn McVinua; brother-in-law, Terry Lynn; and numerous aunts and uncles.

# Cemetery Details

## Varina Cemetery

Varina, IA 50593

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 8.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Varina  
321 Main Street  
Varina, IA 50593

## Service

**JUL 9.** 2:30 PM (CT)

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321 Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Degner*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 08, 2019 at 03:30 PM

BS

“ *Mike was a delightful person we were privileged to call our friend and a farmer extraordinaire. It is a comfort to know he is with our Lord and we will meet again. Praying God's comfort and strength for Mel and the family.*

Bob & Donna Snyder - July 09, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Degner.*



July 09, 2019 at 07:26 AM

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“ *Sorry to hear about Mike, praying for your family.*



Steveb Habben - July 08, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Michael Degner.*



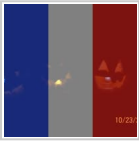
July 08, 2019 at 03:48 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 08, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Michael Degner



Sally Rassler - July 08, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ Praying for your family. I always enjoyed talking to him when he came in to Menards and will miss that. Sorry for your loss.

Beth Anderson-Fear - July 08, 2019 at 05:43 AM



“ Duane Tammi Schnetter lit a candle in memory of Michael Degner



Duane Tammi Schnetter - July 07, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ Terry Lammers lit a candle in memory of Michael Degner



Terry Lammers - July 07, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Degner.*



July 06, 2019 at 08:50 PM

CS

“ *Cindy O'Neall -Mike's Sister lit a candle in memory of Michael Degner*



**Cindy O'Neall -Mike's sister** - July 06, 2019 at 08:09 PM

TL

“ *Terry Hale Lammers lit a candle in memory of Michael Degner*



**Terry Hale Lammers** - July 06, 2019 at 06:11 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Michael Degner*



**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - July 06, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Degner family!! I use to babysit for Mike and his siblings, when I was a teenager and lived down the road! Will keep you in my prayers!!!*

**Connie Schachtner** - July 06, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ God be with Melody and Mike's family. Mike was such a kind neighbor who would do anything for you. He will be missed.

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**Anne Mohr** - July 05, 2019 at 10:09 PM

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“ Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Michael Degner



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**connie roche** - July 05, 2019 at 09:29 PM