



Michael A. Balanow

July 1, 1961 - February 18, 2025

Michael Anthony Balanow, 63, of Manteno, passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Hines VA Medical Center.

He was born July 1, 1961, in Chicago Heights, the son of Lloyd William and Rose Eleanor Balanow. Michael served in the United States Navy. On June 6, 1981, he married Libby Ann Collins at the Markham Courthouse. He was the maintenance supervisor at Crete Monee School district for many years.

Michael was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and loved Dr. Pepper. He also enjoyed coin and stamp collecting.

Michael is survived by his beloved wife, Libby Ann Balanow; son, Michael Manuel Balanow; daughter and son-in-law, Shannon Lynn and Marc James Weber; grandson, James Llyod Weber; and sister, Rose Eleanor "Susie" Balanow.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Internment with military honors will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on Friday, March 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 West Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ I first met Michael at his daughter's wedding. He was a truly great man—funny, caring, and kind. Though our time together was brief, including a memorable conversation on the way to the airport, he left a lasting impression. I'll never forget him.
To a fellow Shipmate: the watch stands relieved.
Relieved by those you trained, guided, and led.
Shipmate, you stand relieved. We have the watch.
Boatswain, standby to pipe the side. Shipmate going ashore.

Bruce A Kuwik - March 18, 2025 at 09:50 PM

MT

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Michael A Theurich - February 22, 2025 at 10:09 AM

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1976 Spring Central Jr High graduation , Steger, IL

Michael A Theurich - February 22, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ 1974 Veterans Day Parade Steger, IL
BSA Troop 100.



Michael A Theurich - February 22, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ I served with him on the Hewitt when we were stationed in japan
was in the gulf and the flight deck on the Hewitt and man did he love
dr pepper i was so glad to have reconnected with him a few years
back and got some Hewitt stuff from him he was a great guy and im
so glad to have met him my condolences to his family and I
remember him with fond and funny memories rest in peace my
hewitt brother gods grace be with

February 21, 2025 at 06:17 PM



I also served with him on the Hewitt as well
He taught me sound and security watch dc maintenance
One of the nicest guys anyone could meet
BE JUST AND FEAR NOT MY BRUTHER

Bill Linn - February 22, 2025 at 06:28 AM

MC

“ Mike was one of the first Scouters I met up on moving to Ashkum
District. We attended many events and Roundtables together. His
influence on Scouts and Scouters is far reaching. He is missed

MarcyJo Chachakis - February 21, 2025 at 05:11 PM

RB

“ *The best big brother 🥹
Reuniting in heaven with Gram, Ant Lola, Mom and Dad.
Godspeed dear one.*



Rose Balanow - February 21, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KW

Omg im so sorry to hear this. Rip had a great memories growing up with him and Suzy going to the beach. Rip my friend

Kathy wells - February 21, 2025 at 05:01 PM

RB

*Yep, my real name is Rose, but everybody knows me Susie.
Mike And and I are wearing our coolest threads here.*

Rose Balanow - February 21, 2025 at 05:15 PM



*We were great scouting brothers @ Troop 100, Steger VFW Hall.
Gonna miss you , Mike.*

Mike Theurich - February 21, 2025 at 06:17 PM

KW

U remember me rose Susie? Kathy Harding?

Kathy wells - February 21, 2025 at 06:24 PM

PB

*We met Mike when our boys joined scouts back in the 90s. He was so good with all the boys. Lots of campouts. Just an all around good guy.
He will be missed.*

Pennie Bianco - February 21, 2025 at 10:31 PM

LA

I met Mike through Scouting when I moved to Illinois. He was always smiling and ready to help. He touched many hearts.

Laura - February 22, 2025 at 11:52 AM

AL

“ *I served with him in the US Navy aboard a destroyer stationed in Japan. Had many memorable times with him. I will hoist a drink for him in March. Fair winds, brother.....you stand relieved*

Andee Lakey - February 21, 2025 at 04:40 PM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. B was just taking over as scout master as I was finishing my time, had 2 years or so which him as my scout master. Great guy, lots of good times.*

Mike Husseu - February 21, 2025 at 04:36 PM