

Claud "Bud" M. Mick Jr.

October 17, 1927 - April 14, 2007

MICK, Claud ?Bud? M. Jr.Of Ypsilanti, MI Claud ?Bud? M. Mick, Jr., was born in Orlando, WV, on October 17, 1927 of Haydee (Skinner) Mick and Claud M. Mick. Bud was raised with his sister Bonnie Ruth and brother Charles ?Chick?, went to Burnsville High School, and was a WWII veteran. Bud considered his Uncle Glenn Skinner and Aunt Virginia McCoy Skinner as second parents. Upon completing his military duty, Bud returned home and married Helen Jean Morris. They later moved to Hazel Park and then Leonard, Michigan where they raised four children? Claud? Mickey? III, Joseph (Ann), Rebecca and Fredric (Vicky). Bud early on developed his skills in sheet metal prototype at Chicago Pneumatic, Chevrolet Engineering, and Creative Industries - eventually finding his life?s work at Vinewood Metalcraft, Inc. At Vinewood, Bud built the business and eventually purchased it, becoming sole owner. Bud was a member of two Masonic Blue Lodges, Hazel Park and Garden City, the Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit, the Detroit Moslem Shrine Center, the ROJ Court 28, the Al Matta Grotto, the Rawsonville Shrine Club, the El Haji and the Ford Old Timers. He was an avid car collector and huge fan of NASCAR and the NFL. A supportive member of the NRA and staunch Republican, Bud?s heroes were his father Claud Mick Sr., George Washington, John Wayne and Ronald Reagan. He loved the music of Hank Williams, Sr., Boxcar Willie, Gentleman Jim Reeves, The Statler Brothers, Conway Twitty, Alan Jackson and gospel hymns from his childhood. He really enjoyed biscuits and gravy, baked spaghetti, hamburger gravy on mashed potatoes, fried catfish, hard candy, popcorn, Karo syrup with peanut butter, ice cream and the occasional cocktail. He had an amazing memory, told great jokes, and was a loyal friend. His handshake was his word. He would often comment ?if I haven?t done it, it?s either because I didn?t want to or because I hadn?t heard about it.? Bud was preceded in death by his son Joseph Lee, grandson Andrew and sister-in-law Betty Mick. Bud is survived by his wife of 20 years, Debra ?D.J.?, sons Mickey and Fred, daughter Rebecca, grandchildren? Claud? Chip? (Andrea), Alexis, Jamie, Casey, Kelly, Owen and Sean, great-grandchildren Jake & Gavin, sister Bonnie (Fred) Kuhn, brother Chick, nephews Chuck Mick and Bill Mick, nieces Connie Evans and Suanne (Frank) Woodring, cousins Howard (Nancy) Mick, Bob (Michele) Skinner, Peggy Skinner Morris, Lynda ?Spark? Skinner Hagen, Joe Heater and Mary Heater Wagner. A mention must be made of Bud?s

dearly loved Rottie - Daisy Mae and English Bulldog - Petie. Bud?s legacy is the impact he had on those he loved and those he helped. These are many. Remembered and greatly missed by friends and family, Bud strove to be fair, firm and consistent. His wisdom without doubt enlightened more than a few. Gone but never forgotten, God bless Bud Mick and keep him close until we are reunited. To sign the guestbook or to leave a memory, please visit his personal page at www.niefuneralhomes.com.

## Comments



It was nice to go to the house and see all the classic cars and play with the dogs in the back yard. Craig Fish. Castalia , Ohio

Craig Fish - March 31, 2015 at 12:02 PM



Mick,Sorry that we are not able to be with you this week. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.We will see you next week.Doug & Sandi

Duug & Sandi Nie - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



**66** Thanks Bud for always being a true friend to our family.

Andrew & Carol Jackson - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



I have been fortunate to know Bud. It is going to be tough on DJ and the family, but we have all the pleasant memories of Bud. I am looking forward to the time that we will all be reunited. I am sure God said "well done good and faithful servant, enter to the joy of heaven" when he met Bud.

Kenneth "Vesti" West - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Dear DJ & Family, Know we are thinking of you during this difficult time. It was a pleasure to meet Bud the night you joined the Hillbilly Clan - great guy! Love, Jane & Joe

Jane & Joe Owens - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



DJ, I am so sorry for your loss. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything that I can do, let me know. I will always be here for you. Much love from Toledo, Diana & Joseph

Diana Rezbanyay - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Dear DJ and Mickey, Although we only new Bud briefly we will always remember him through his gift of the tomato growers. We will see him in the beauty of nature, the generosity of spirit and action, and the ability to engage new friends. We look forward to being with you on Saturday to celebrate his life and his memory. Love, Jennie and Mark

Jennie Kaiser and Mark Reese - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



DJ and Family, Words can never express the person Bud was to me and my family. He was always willing to listen, offer advice or just give that pat on the back when no others would. He was a friend that never asked for anything but your friendship. He was always happy to see Chris and Lori at the various Masonic functions we would attend and Darlene and I will miss his smile and the care that he has shown the two of us. Masonry has lost a devoted friend and brother. May the comfort of his love be with his family and peace be with them during this time of sorrow.

Doug and Darlene Simpson - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Are deepest sympathy for you family. Fred, Lisa and Shelby Gilliam (Tennessee Folks)

Fred and Lisa Gilliam - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Becky, Mickey & Fred, With deepest sympathy. Thinking of you. Love, JaneJames Lee & Helen Wine and Family

Jane Wine Freshour - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



With Sympathy in the Loss of your Husband. May loveing memories of the one who meant so much to you bring peace and comfort to your heart and ease your sorrow. For the memories that you cherish, though they sometimes bring a tear, will help you to feel that your Husbands Love is always near.

Mary E Moore Asebi 36 - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



D.J.: Our deepest condolences. You meet the nicest people in the old car hobby, and Bud was the best. The first and last to bid on an item for charity, usually for children, he was truly one of a kind, like many of his cars. What a better place this world would be if everyone was as kind and generous as Bud. We are proud to have had him as a friend and he will always be remembered and missed greatly. Mike & Marcia

Mike and Marcia Reiser - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



DJ, Mickey and Fred, please know that we are with you during your time of sorrow. Bud helped us understand true friendship and from that understanding we became better people. Bud and I had some great times together and many fond memories. During the time I had with my friend, I saw the smiles that he put on the faces of everyone that he met and the genuine relationships that he made. My friend will be missed, but no one that met Bud will forget him.

Dave and Carol Kennedy - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



When Bud moved to Hazel park, he lived just a few steps from our house, along with me, my brothers Joe, Eddie and Butch have been special friends. We loved him dearly, and spent a lot of time with him and his family. More recently, living farther away, we still kept in touch by phone and Christmas cards. We got to know DJ and was so happy that she made his life extra special. Their 2006 Christmas card picture is displayed with family pictures on my counter.

IRENE ZAGAR - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



**66** DJ, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bill and Debbie Evans - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



thinking of you, dj - enjoy your memories. we enjoyed Bud & his wonderful attitude

mary blackwood - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



**66** An enjoyable person to know.

Ed Washabaugh - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Indeed, his legacy stands tall and secure. I am among the hundreds who are mourning the loss of this giant of a man. I am grateful for the honor of sharing in his friendship and affection and I will love him forever. An exceptional boss, an exceptional friend, an exceptional man.

Mary Szokolay - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



DJ,I was so sorry to read that Claud has died.I wanted you to know that your in my thoughts and prayers. I really enjoyed taking care of Claud, he was a delight! It was a pleasure to visit with you both. With found rememberance, Chrisi Stachnik nurse 9WN Karmanos

Chrisi Stachnik - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Dear D.J. and Family:We were so sorry to learn of the loss of your dear husband, Bud. We will be unable to join you at the viewing and funeral since we will still be in Floriday until he first week in May. We pray that God will give you all the strength to bear the heartache you feel and will be with you in all that you face in the future. We send our love and will keep you all in our prayers.Mary and Walter

Mary and Walter Cornelius - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



66 Bud you were a great man and good friend

Bruce Hal - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Dear DJ, We all will miss bud. we all remember those nights in Florida were you, Bud, our mom, and us would talk to eachother and watch either Nascar or Monstertrucks run over eachother, all of us we miss those nights very much. we all loved bud very much.

John, Lee, and Richard Dirr - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



My favorite memory of Bud was his accent!

Kayla Slezak - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



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Pam & Paul Smith - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



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Calbert735@hotmail.com - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM



Deb--Our prayers are with you. The loss of Bud is and will be difficult for you. I never know what to say in these hard times other than I appreciated knowing Bud and how you love him. Again, our prayers are with you.

Barry and Jutta Coutts - February 11, 2011 at 02:50 PM