



## Michael J. Lyons

August 3, 1945 - July 8, 2016

Michael "Mike" J. Lyons, of Piper City, passed away July 8, 2016.

He was born Aug. 3, 1945, in Fairbury, the son of John and Vera Houk Lyons.

Mike was employed at Clay Equipment Co., Morton Buildings and was a reporter at the Daily Journal from 1986 to 2008.

Surviving are many friends.

Mike attended Piper City High School and graduated in 1963. He majored in English at Northern Illinois University and graduated in 1967; while there he played football.

He was a member of the Prairie Central Sportsmen's Club and the NRA. He loved his pets, "Goofus" and "Ricky;" was an avid wood carver and enjoyed target shooting. He received many awards in journalism.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Redenius Funeral Home in Piper City, with the Rev. Brian King officiating.

Memorials may be made to Charles Stanley, In Touch Ministries, P.O. Box

7900, Atlanta, GA 30357.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne.

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Mike was a great person and a great writer for *The Daily Journal*. He was simply the best ag writer in the state and a unique voice for veterans and for the Second Amendment. He was a colorful character who was a mighty contributor to *The Journal*. He carried out assignments with great timing and unfailing accuracy. His basic decency and sense of fairness made allies out of virtually all the people and agencies that he covered. He was a prince to work with. He will be missed.  
*Phil Angelo*

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**Phil Angelo** - July 18, 2016 at 08:10 AM

CG

“ Mike was a wonderful colleague, full of information and always helpful ! Have really missed his D-J reporting since his retirement. Condolences to all his family and friends.



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**carl gerdovich** - July 16, 2016 at 10:30 PM

KG

“ There are y happy memories to share about Mike....what a wonderful human being. My knowing him made me a better human being. He will be greatly missed by so many, especially his Daily Journal family. Fly high Mike....we'll always remember you with love and happiness.... *Kathie and OJ Grazis*

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**Kathie Grazis** - July 16, 2016 at 08:02 AM

JR

“ Always the welcoming big smiling friend when I returned to Piper. Football team-mate in High School and interesting reporter for the Journal in later years. Remember him and his mom and dad who had a clothing store in Fairbury and lived in his mother's family funeral home in Piper.

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**J. Russell** - July 16, 2016 at 07:54 AM