



## Charles M. "Mike" Leach

December 18, 1946 - December 5, 2024

Rensselaer, NY-Charles M. Leach, known to his family and friends as Mike, entered eternal life on December 5, 2024 after a long illness.

Mike was born in Albany, NY on December 18, 1946 to the late Charles and Rachel I. Leach. He graduated from Van Rensselaer High School and lived in the city of Rensselaer the majority of his life.

Mike proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the View Nam war era and was stationed in Germany and other European bases. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, he worked for 45 years as a bulk chemical operator at Sterling Winthrop.

Among Mike's interests was his love of American hotrod muscle cars. He enjoyed attending car shows with his 1941 Chevy. He also looked forward to attending the drag races at Lebanon Valley Speedway in the summer months.

Mike had a love of animals. His dog Beau and cats Harley and Samantha were his constant companions for many years.

Mike is survived by his brother Jon P. Leach (Danielle Parente) and his dearest long time companions Patricia Trow and Deborah Ballard. His sister Rachel A. Leach predeceased him.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Staff at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center, St. Peter's Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine, and the Medical ICU staff at Albany Medical Center for their care and kindness.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mike's family Thursday, December 12, 2024 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. His Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 pm. (Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only).

The Rite of Committal will be held at New Rural Cemetery, Rensselaer, NY

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave, Menands, NY 12204.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## New Rural Cemetery

330 3rd Avenue Extension  
Rensselaer, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Jon, Praying That Our Precious Lord Is Holding You Close During This Difficult Time*  
*Barbara Hennessy(RCDSS)*

Barbara Hennessy - December 11, 2024 at 02:55 PM

LA

“ *To Mike's family. I went to high school at the same time as Mike , always thought he was the nicest boy and most handsome. So sorry for your loss. Liz Mulyca Allen*

Liz Mulyca Allen - December 11, 2024 at 12:12 PM

RH

“ *Dear Jon, Sorry for your loss. Richard Hotaling*



Richard Hotaling - December 10, 2024 at 02:26 PM

DE

“ *Dear Jon and Danielle, May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss. Sincerely, Deborah*

Deborah - December 09, 2024 at 06:29 PM