

Michael Anderson

(Bass guitar & vocals)

Mike started learning guitar at the age of 8. His first guitar was a Kay six string and later followed by a bass guitar from Sears & Roebuck. He took minimal lessons and played music by ear, as he still does to this day. His first band he was in was called “**Sounds of Tyme**” based out of Hartley, Iowa. The band consisted of Mike on bass guitar, Larry Sauer on rhythm guitar, Lon Vogt on drums, Kim Boyer on lead guitar and Randy Muilenburg on vocals. They played the local hangout called “The Place” in addition to a few gigs elsewhere. The band disbanded after a couple of years. Michael continued to play bass guitar and in early 1967 joined “**The Senders**” band and played from early 1967 to early 1969 with them. As a result of playing with “The Senders”, Michael was inducted in the **2005 Iowa Rock N Roll Hall of Fame** in September 2005. In the early 80’s Michael joined a newly forming country band “**The Blue Ribbon Express**”. The name and format changed over the next several years. The “**Interstate Cruisers**” was nominated for and inducted into the **2015 Iowa Rock N Roll Music Association’s “Hall of Fame”** in September of 2015. Members inducted in addition to Michael were Harold Vander Sloom, Phil Sweeney, Dave Steuck, Charles “Chuck” Post, Paul Veen, Shortie Veen & Dave Hill. Michael continues to play in the band a few times each year with Phil, Dave & Steve for reunions, wedding anniversaries and other get togethers.