



Michael Joe Palmer

December 19, 2020

Mike was born in Denver, Co at Porter Memorial Hospital to Frank and Janice Palmer on August 30, 1949. Mike was experiencing multiple health issues but peacefully passed away in his sleep on December 19, 2020 at his home in Arizona.

Most of Mike's school years were spent in the Englewood School system and he graduated from Englewood High School in 1967. Shortly after graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country from July 1967 to July 1971. After Vietnam, he was stationed at Treasure Island in San Francisco, CA and met his wife Charlene Cera and they were married on July 25, 1970 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past summer.

After the military, Mike started working in the international freight forwarding industry, which took him and his family from California to Oregon, Ohio, and finally was able to settle back in Englewood, Colorado. He retired from the industry several years ago and moved to Surprise, AZ.

Mike and Charlene have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. Daughter Kimberly (Rob) Chavez and their son Gavin, Daughter Erin and her daughters Midori, Elysia, Gianna, Daughter Marisa and her sons Caleb and Elijah, Son Justin (Christine) and their children Tori, Myler, Lukah, and twin daughters Willow

and Theia, Son Conrad and his son Tacitus.

Mike is survived by his brother Frank (Butch), sister Cindy, and many nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his Father, Mother, and sister (Sandy).

Mike enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, darts, billiards, and of course his favorite was to gamble.

Mike will be missed by all that knew him.

Tribute Wall

EP

“ My father is greatly missed! I was a daddy’s girl. When I was little we spent a lot of time outdoors: camping, fishing, climbing. He took me for ice cream often, and he would always light my Candy cigarettes on fire to make them yummiier. As a teen I was always keeping him up worried sick. I would be too scared to go home if I was late, but finally would to receive my scolding. He was a tough man, smart man, and quite funny. A lot of people say I walk like him and I have a dry humor as well. After high school I worked with him and finally had to smoke in front of him. Smoke and cuss were two things I avoided to do in front of him out of respect until I had to. My father and mother raised my kids when I got in trouble with the law. He never got a break. Sorry dad you never really got to retire. You were the best father a girl could have. I love you and miss you and will always remember everything. May you Rest In Peace!

Erin Palmer - December 30, 2020 at 03:38 PM

CP

“ Mike you will be missed so much. I’ll miss the table games we used to play, even though you almost always won, especially if money was at stake. Growing up, you were always Sandy’s and my protector. See you again some day. I’m sorry you had so much pain and suffering but it is all gone now. Love you, Cindy

Cynthia Palmer - December 29, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JA

“ Thoughts & Prayers to Mike’s Family.He will be missed by all. ❤️❤️
❤️

Jane - December 28, 2020 at 10:30 PM

SP

“ Mikie Joe who is gonna backup my wild stories now? Since you were involved in most of them I was counting on you 🙏 you will be missed my friend .

Sharon Pate - December 27, 2020 at 03:37 PM

TC

“ I was fortunate enough to have met Mike many years ago when I started calling on our customers in Denver. His dry sense of humor was always appreciated by me because I loved to laugh. I remember seeing him for lunch after he retired and him telling me about his “job” working with hotel reviews. He had some great stories and since he knew I loved to travel and really relied on travel reviews I found his stories both funny and a little scary! For those of you who knew him well I know he will be greatly missed and mourned. I hope the funny stories and memories sustain you.

Terry Cummings - December 24, 2020 at 04:20 PM

RM

“ I always liked you! Rest In Peace, your struggle is over. You have stepped into the hand of Jesus. You'll be missed and remembered.
🙏❤️

Rhonda Moody - December 23, 2020 at 12:29 AM

JL

“ Mike you behave and take good care of yourself in the Big Casino in the Sky..I'm betting on you to do very well up there..Love you good buddy...Jon Law

Jon Law - December 22, 2020 at 10:15 PM

JL

“ Mike you will be missed. We had 40 years of great memories. I cherish our friendship, and super fun times. You were a great friend and I will see you on the other side.. Take good care and God be with you... love you , Jon Law

Jon Law - December 22, 2020 at 10:10 PM

AL

“ I've known Mike a long time, since my Dad Jon Law was best friends with Mike And Frank for most of my life! My favorite memory was when I first moved down here to Arizona, Mike came to visit my Dad a lot. We would always go to the Horse races, or at least a bar where we could bet on them. Mike and Dad would share stories with me. It was a lot of fun for a 25 year old. Then my Dad and I would always meet Mike in Vegas in February. Good times! Mike is like an Uncle to me! I love him and miss him too! Love to you all and my deepest sympathy

Angie Law - December 22, 2020 at 09:39 PM

SH

“ Oh Mike The fun we had the stories we could tell! The fights we had and the brother sister relationship we had. No one will believe the stories and you aren't here to back them up ☐ RIP my friend 💔

Sharon - December 22, 2020 at 08:58 PM

J.

“ To Mike my cousin I was very close to, we grew up together , I am very proud of Mike, I will miss him a lot !!! Mike made me laugh a lot , Mike was always smiling !! Rest in peace Mike

J.R - December 22, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JP

“ Mike was my best friend when in High School, his mom and dad let me live with them. I will miss his laugh and smile always had one for everyone. My love goes out to his family as they are a very close family Rest in peace Mike you fought a strong fight. Love Lil Jan

Janice w Powell - December 22, 2020 at 08:48 PM

MP

“ I will miss you so much. I miss growing up down the street for you. Seeing your smiling face. I love you cousin so much!!

Michelle parks - December 22, 2020 at 08:36 PM

BU

“ So many stories and memories over the years. Even though we didn't see each other much you were always on my mind. I will miss you. I am glad that you are not in pain anymore and will be looking down and watching after all of us. Love you and will see you again

Butch - December 22, 2020 at 07:10 PM

VS

“ Mike was a great guy with a wonderful, affable personality. He made me feel cozy in a the first years of an exiting new business world in the US back in the Late 90ties... and many a drink were shared. See you in the next life old friend.... love from Germany and the Skyline Family 🙏

Volker Sim - December 22, 2020 at 06:10 PM

AK

“ Go rest high on the mountain, Mike. Put your burden down and join the poker game with your folks. We will always love and miss you.

Alice and Kemble - December 22, 2020 at 06:05 PM

VP

“ *All my love to all of you. Mike you will be missed. Rest In Peace.*
Aunt Vesta

Vesta Meek Poteete - December 22, 2020 at 03:40 PM