



Michael James Palmer

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Mike was born in Marshall, Minnesota to Arthur and Eileen Palmer. He was the fifth of nine children. In 1953, Art and Eileen packed their seven children and belongings into a car and a family owned bus and moved them all to San Bernardino, California. In 1957, they settled in Rialto, California. Mike excelled in school and the Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California in 1961. He then moved to Los Angeles with his two older sisters, Patricia Snyder and the late Pamela Smith. They worked together at the Money Order Clearing House. In April 1965, Mike was drafted into the United States Army. He served 13 months in Vietnam, coming home to Rialto in February, 1967. From the time he got out of the service, Mike began mentoring kids through the Verdemont Boys Town, the Beaumont Boys Town of the Desert, Juvenile Hall in San Bernardino and various group homes. He later worked for and retired from the Railroad Transportation Department. In his retirement, Mike's hobbies included family, architecture drafting, country music and playing "500". Michael James Palmer was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Eileen Palmer, sister Pamela Smith, brothers William (Bill) and Jeremiah (Jerry) Palmer, and nephews Gregory and Arthur Smith. He is survived by his five loving sisters, Patricia (James) Snyder, Kathleen Butler, Donna (Robert) Donaldson, Monica (Kent) Bowcutt, and Cheryl (Kenneth) Decker, His uncle, William Farrell, aunts, Denise Alberg and Sister Mary Jeremiah Farrell, many nephews and nieces and cousins. It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone...For part of us went with you when you were quietly called Home.

Following services, the family will gather at the home of Donna and Bob Donaldson.



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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America www.alzfdn.org



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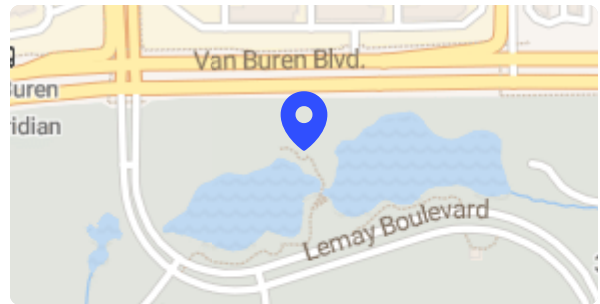
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Committal Service


 **Monday**, March 21, 2016


 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM PT

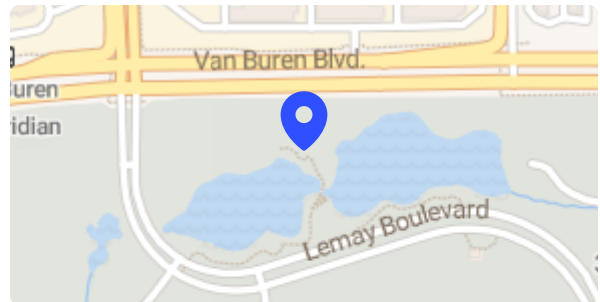
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MB

Michael Barrett posted:

Just found this page. My heart is broken. Mike took me under his wing during a very turbulent time in my teen age years. He provided guidance and a caring nature I had never experienced before in my life. I had always wanted to thank him and tell him the profound impact he had on my life, how I thought of him often. I wished I had the opportunity to thank him for being a special man. Now I come to find this page, two years too late. I'm sorry Mike, I love you my friend. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Michael Barrett

June 28 at 2:03 PM

AS

Amanda Soto posted:

I shared rootbeer with my uncle

March 25 at 10:00 AM

TF

The Dugas Family posted:

We are so sorry for the loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Palmer family during this difficult time.

March 12 at 9:32 AM

TF

Teir Farrell posted:

You are with God but will be missed by the family and so glad you are out of pain and smiling
Goodbye cousin - rest in peace say hi to all Love u

March 10 at 1:43 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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