



## James Michael Cornwell

October 4, 1944 - September 18, 2021

James Michael “Mike” Cornwell was born on October 4, 1944 to Arlena Marie Bishop and Harry Vinton Cornwell in Riverside, CA. Mike entered into eternal rest on September 18, 2021 in Highland, CA after a courageous battle with cancer and kidney failure.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, brother Harvey Vinton “Jack”, brother-in-law Gary DeMaio “Gun”, son Kyle Lynn Cornwell “Wiley”, and Grandson Blake Michael Cornwell-Bullen.

Survived by his loving wife of 44 years Valerie Cornwell; daughters Michelle Cornwell and her wife Sandy Bullen of Cathedral City, Jodi Ison and her husband Chris of Cathedral City, and Sara Meagan Cornwell of Highland; sons David Cornwell and his wife Shannon of San Bernardino, James Cornwell Jr of Highland, and Ryan Cornwell of Highland; sister Carole Ann DeMaio of Upland; 19 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mike was a laborer for Zapata Construction and Macco Construction for many years. In 1983 he obtained his pipeline contractors license and started his own business J & M Boring and retired in 2003. Mike served the California Dept of Forestry and US Forestry Service for many years renting his water trucks to aid firefighters on wild land fires.

Mike loved camping and fishing the Sierra’s. He and his kids took vacations every summer with his sister Carole and her family. He was an avid silver dollar collector and enjoyed looking over his coin collection and adding hard to find pieces when he could.

He was a hardworking man and there was never something he couldn’t fix, although his perfectionism gave his family grief on occasion, he never did anything halfway or cut corners. He taught himself to do many things over the years. He really enjoyed restoring his ’65 Ford Mustang to pristine condition.

Mike was a selfless man, if you had the pleasure of being loved by him, he would do anything for you. His heart was full of compassion for those he loved and cared for. He never held a grudge and always gave people the benefit of the doubt. He had a very forgiving soul.

His greatest pleasure was relaxing at home, watching a good old western or Family Feud on TV. Mike also loved listening to his oldies, he spent many evenings listening to 60’s music on the computer. Mike loved his family and enjoyed holiday gatherings and family

celebrations where he could spend time with family members.

His gruff exterior didn't hide the soft spot he had in his heart for animals. Michael loved his cats and had many he loved over the years. He loved all the dogs his wife brought home too, but he was a cat man at heart.

He will be sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched.

A Chapel Service will be held on Wednesday, October 6 at 10:00 am at Bobbitt Memorial Chapel in San Bernardino and a Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 am at Montecito Memorial Park in Colton.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Bobbitt Memorial Chapel  
1299 E Highland Avenue, San Bernardino, CA, US, 92404

**OCT**   **Chapel Service**                      10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Bobbitt Memorial Chapel  
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**OCT**   **Graveside Service**                      09:30AM - 10:00AM

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Montecito Memorial Park  
3520 E. Washington Street, Colton, CA, US, 92324

# Comments

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“ Today we laid you to rest and a huge part of my heart went with you. I am so grateful you are no longer suffering. I miss you so much. My heart aches for you. I love you so much Michael. Death may have parted us physically but I will always keep you with me in my heart. Rest well my love!

val - October 08 at 02:33 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Michael Cornwell.



October 06 at 09:12 PM

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“ Hey there Mike. Always so fun to talk to and so laid back. Thank you and Val for always opening your door up to me, letting me stay over and feeding me. Last time I was there I left you a bag of orange slices. I hope you enjoyed them. Rest in peace my orange slice friend.



Judy - October 01 at 07:09 PM

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“ I will miss you grandpa and i will keep your memory alive in my heart soul and mind i will cherish the memorys we had together i love and miss you already

Connor Cornwell - September 29 at 06:16 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Michael Cornwell.



September 28 at 06:51 PM

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“ A loving brother who was always there to hold my hand good times and bad. You fought the good fight and finished the race with so much dignity and courage. go rest on that mountain with Dad, Jackie, and my Gary. until then my Love

**Carole DeMaio** - September 28 at 06:18 PM

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“ Mike "Pops" was such a special man to me. He and Val excepted me into their family unconditionally, with love and respect. Pops never judged, always listened. He loved his family more than anything. He was funny, smart and I enjoyed all of our talks. Pops, I will truly miss you and the countless time we spend on puzzles. You will be forever missed and always in our hearts.



**Sandi Bullen** - September 28 at 10:07 AM

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“ Val Cornwell sent a virtual gift in memory of James Michael Cornwell



**Val Cornwell** - September 28 at 04:15 AM



“ You will be missed, but no one can take the memories... The children of my family will miss you. You always managed to make me laugh.. So rest now, see you later on brother-law. ☐

**Catherine Giles** - September 27 at 11:26 PM

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“ Oh boy, I sure loved Uncle Mike. My memory brings such a smile to my face. I was at "their" old house and Uncle Mike was getting a stand bbque ready. He threw some gas on it, and his cigarette and the que went poof along with a few hairs on his eyebrows and head. He was smokin'!! He just gave me that funny grin. Much Love, Always

**Terri Francis** - September 27 at 11:26 PM