



Michael Anthony Harnish

February 18, 1946 - May 17, 2024

Michael Anthony Harnish of Shell Beach, Calif., passed away May 17, 2024. Born February 18, 1946, to Edward and Katherine Harnish in Bellefonte, Penn., he was the youngest of seven siblings.

After graduating from Bellefonte High School in 1964, Mike followed his oldest brother Jerry to Southern California, joining him in working at an International Harvester dealership. In his spare time, he earned his private pilot's license. He was introduced to his future wife Chris while giving a mutual friend an airplane ride and they went on their first date that night. Engagement soon followed, but a wedding would have to wait.

Mike was drafted into the Army in 1966. He served a tour in Vietnam with Company B of the 36th Engineer Battalion before his discharge in June 1968.

Mike and Chris married on October 25, 1968, and settled in the Van Nuys neighborhood of Los Angeles, where they made their home for more than 40 years. They welcomed a son, Eric, in 1972.

Mike spent his career in the trucking and transportation industry, working for a

variety of

Southern California dealerships before retiring from Los Angeles County Metro in 2010, where

he managed bus service and maintenance.

A man of faith, Mike attended various churches throughout his adult life. He always found ways

to serve, whether behind the scenes or in official roles as deacon or elder.

Mike and Chris retired to Shell Beach in 2010 where they enjoyed whale watching from their

patio, exploring country roads, socializing with friends, and hosting family get-togethers.

Welcoming their grandkids, who loved visiting Nana and Papa, was by far a favorite activity,

with Mike using their visits as a chance to indulge in baking. Always up for adventure, he and

Chris joined friends on cruises and gatherings in California and Oregon, and visited Europe

multiple times.

Mike is survived by his wife Chris; son Eric; daughter-in-law April;

grandchildren Laurel, Drew,

Brooke, and Amber; sisters Ann Martin and Cynthia Yorks; nieces Diane Hauer, Joyce

Koessel, Melissa Dean, Pam Asaro and Kathy Scott, and a large extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, as well as his siblings Jerry Harnish, Francis Hauer,

Judy Brown, and Virginia Harnish.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity you support, or the American Heart

Association <https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give>.

Services

Memorial Service - 10 a.m.

Reis Family Mortuary

991 Nipomo St.

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Graveside Service - 11:30 a.m.

Arroyo Grande Cemetery

895 El Camino Real

Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Celebration of Life - 12:15 p.m.

Ventana Grill - Pacific Room

2575 Price St.

Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Burial

JUN 1. 11:30 AM (PT)

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Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Celebration of Life

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