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Michael Steven Wiggins – Wiggy – was born on July 21, 1955, in Bakersfield, California. He spent the next full 67 years of his life making memories with his many family members and friends. Michael passed away on July 28, 2022, in his home, with his son Nathaniel by his side.

Michael was the middle child, the fourth of seven born to parents Don “Buster” Wiggins and Gloria Joan Wiggins. His brother, Kenny, described him as the “best of us all.” Michael often told stories to his children about getting into trouble with his brothers and spoiling his little sisters. There was a story about he and Pat once lighting a field on fire – by accident of course. Another one where he brought home a violin to the youngest, Kathleen – she cries when she tells the story. Growing up in the Wiggins household was surely an exciting one.

The Wiggins’s moved to the Central Coast in 1970, settling in the little beach town of Morro Bay, California. Michael attended Morro Bay Highschool, where he was an accomplished athlete. He graduated in 1974 and would later complete his drafting certificate at the Institute of Drafting and Design Engineering, in Glendale, Arizona. Don and Gloria owned Morro Bay

Construction and Roofing, where Michael and his brothers worked.

In 1981, Michael married Cara Elan Lowgren. They shared four children together, even after their separation. Michael was a devoted and affectionate father. He always made sure his children were taken care of and always knew what to say to comfort them in stressful times. His house was where you went when you were sick or sad. Every conversation with dad ended with an “I love you” and kisses – even over the phone.

Michael worked hard nearly every day of his life. He maintained 38 years of employment with PG&E, starting as a painter and retiring as a Radiation Protection and Decontamination Specialist, from Diablo Canyon. Everyone who worked with Wiggy, loved him. Mike’s sister, Mary, would say that everyone liked working on Saturday’s best because those were the days when Wiggy was the boss.

Mike worked hard but he also played hard. He enjoyed his life which included hunting excursions in Wyoming, fishing in Alaska, wine tasting in Paso, trips to Las Vegas, rodeos, golfing, or just conversing with familiar and unfamiliar faces. During football season, every Sunday, shouting and laughter could be heard from the Mike’s house, while he and his kids watched the Green Bay Packers play and enjoyed his barbeque.

All people that knew Michael, might describe him as social. He could probably go anywhere in the world and run in to an old friend. There are many stories about him becoming fast friends with strangers, knowing some of their more intimate life experiences within minutes.

He wasn’t only sweet, hardworking, and down to earth, Michael was knowledgeable in multiple fields of study. He was a lover of history, especially topics surrounding World War II. He liked learning about Europe’s past and his

heritage. His understanding of nuclear power and associated political views surrounding that, was exhaustive. Most might not know this, but he was also a talented artist.

Michael Steven Wiggins was a lovable guy. He is survived by his children Hilery, Nate, Kaya, and Keri; his grandchildren Gavin, Ian, Cole, and Killian; his brothers and sisters, Donnie, Johnny, Kenny, Patrick, Mary, and Kathleen; his many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and all of his friends. If you met him, you were his friend.

His memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm, on September 11, 2022, at the Atascadero Lake Pavilion: 9315 Pismo Ave., Atascadero, CA 93422. We ask attendees to dress casually, for hot weather, and in true Wiggy fashion – football jerseys, Hawaiian shirts, or anything blue are encouraged. Michael is laid to rest at the Cayucos Morro Bay Cemetery, located in Cayucos, California. In Lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital, if anyone so wishes.

# Tribute Wall



“ I spent 30 years at Diablo and Mike was there the whole time. If I knew I was going to be working with Wiggy, I knew it would be a good day. He managed to make sure of that. He is already missed.

**Olin Gillis** - August 15, 2022 at 11:57 PM

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“ Being his second ex wife, I have many fond memories of Michael. Eleven years. We didn't have children together, but we did have a lot of fun and adventure together. This will be my addition to the 'obituary'. RIP Chinkidink tan man. I'll always love you ❤️

**Cheri Wiggins Freimuth** - August 09, 2022 at 03:21 PM

CW

When the Wiggins Family moved to Morro Bay, we all became steadfast friends. Michael was one of a kind and his door was always welcoming and open for a beer and a laugh! Our prayers are with the family now and always.

Love, The Weaver's, Stan, Stu and Carol Sue

**Carol Weaver** - August 09, 2022 at 04:47 PM

CL

It was a shock to hear of Michael passing! The LaFon family & the Wiggins family became close friends since 1973. Coleman worked for Don at Morro Bay Construction & our kids, Ron & Sandy LaFon attended MB Highschool. Coleman & Patrick were always racing Mike & Johnny at work! Our condolences to all the family. So many fond memories.

**coleman & lucille lafon** - August 10, 2022 at 02:02 PM

KR

*I am shocked and saddened to hear this. Myself , Kathy Spellacy and Mike were a threesome back in the day. I can't count the laughter and shenanigans we shared. I loved Mike like a brother. Sending love and condolences to all in the family . Godspeed Wiggy. : (*

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**Kathy Welles (Van Romer)** - September 07, 2022 at 11:35 PM