



Michael Vernon "Mike" Henrich

July 6, 1953 - May 21, 2023

Our beloved husband, father & grandfather, Mike Henrich was born in Butte, MT on July 6th, 1953 and unexpectedly passed away May 21st, 2023. He is preceded in death by his daughter Kirsten Henrich, father Jim Henrich, grandmother Georgia O'Donnell, aunt Virginia Macumber, uncle Neil Macumber and nephew Brian Henrich. He is survived by his wife Julie (Petroni) Henrich, sons Michael and Eric, mother LaVerne, daughter-in-law Laura Henrich, grandchildren Emerson & Brynn Henrich, siblings Gary, David, Cindy Ruffner, Lisa Henrich, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mike graduated from Butte High in 1971, after which he attended University of Montana. His career path began at the Safeway Warehouse and later moved to Bert Mooney Airport. At the airport he wore many hats; security and law enforcement, snow removal, fire watch and suppression, and facility maintenance. He retired from Bert Mooney Airport in 2014, after 30 years of service, to follow his life's passions.

First and foremost, Mike was deeply committed to helping people; family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances alike. Nearly anyone who met him was instantly a friend and someone he would lend a helping hand to in nearly every aspect of life. His helpful personality was personified with his over 40 year commitment to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, where he formed lasting personal bonds with several young men. He was also named the State of Montana's Big Brother of the Year twice during his time with the organization. In his free time, Mike enjoyed several outdoor activities, from hunting and

fishing, to hiking, camping, skiing, golfing, spending time at the family summer home in the Jefferson Valley and nature photography. In recent years, Mike found a new love and passion in life, his granddaughters. He loved Emerson and Brynn more than life itself and took to being “Papa” like a fish in water. He was very proud of his new title, taking every chance he could to spoil them. Mike will surely be missed and his lasting impact throughout the community will be felt for years to come.

Funeral services will be held in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home on Thursday June 1st at 11:00 am, with luncheon to follow. In lieu of gifts, the family cordially asks that donations be made in his name to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Butte and/or be genuinely selfless and honor his name by paying good deeds forward. If he ever aided you in any form or fashion, please do someone else a kindness and lend a helping hand.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
1800 Florence Ave
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-3221
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Vernon "Mike" Henrich.*



May 31, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Vernon "Mike" Henrich.*



May 29, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ *We'll miss our cousin Mike!! Any time we came to Butte for a visit he was always there to greet us with open arms and a beautiful smile on his face. He was truly one of the good guys and always made us feel special. We are so blessed and thankful to have had him in our lives!! He will be truly missed!!! Love and condolences to Julie, Michael and Eric and Aunt La Verne and all our Henrich cousins.....Niki(Wayne) and Tami(Stan)*

Niki Abraham - May 28, 2023 at 01:45 PM

JE

“ I am very sad to hear about Mike passing. I am Dave's niece Jenni, and have met Mike before and Laverne was always so kind to me. I love you all dearly. May I be there for you Uncle Dave when you need me.

Jenni

Jenni - May 27, 2023 at 09:33 PM

KG

“ Julie, I'm so sorry to read about Mikes passing. Although I never met him he sounds like a great guy. Please know you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be With You
Kathy Ghenie

Kathy Ghenie - May 26, 2023 at 06:57 PM

GC

“ Dear Julie and Family,
I never knew Mike as well as I did you, but each time we happened to meet, he was involved with doing a favor of some kind for someone.
I was aware of his work with Big Brothers and Sisters also.
What would the world be like if more folks contributed to their community as Mike did?
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family❤️

Georgene and Sal Cachola - May 26, 2023 at 03:10 PM

PC

“ Julie with Michael, Eric, & Laverne with family, Words can never cover what needs to be relayed when a loss like Mike's happens. Mike affected so many in subtle, humble ways. He was generous with his time, expertise & monetarily. I met Mike & Julie through Big Brothers Big Sisters in 1984. He trained us. Mike & I stayed in contact & had lunch every 3-6 months to solve the world's problems. He had good insight on life but, what he was really excited about was his grandchildren. I only saw a photo of one but the last time we had lunch the new one wasn't born yet. For the boys & families that he affected through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Pay it forward. That, in my opinion, is the best way to pay tribute to Mike. Phyllis Costello

Phyllis Costello - May 26, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Vernon "Mike" Henrich.



May 26, 2023 at 10:22 AM