



Michael Louis Dunyon

October 12, 1950 - May 1, 2020

Mike Dunyon, 69, died peacefully at his sheep camp on May 1, 2020. His death is a big mystery to his children, but the death certificate reads natural causes. He never wanted to get crispy, he wanted to tip over when his time came- and he did just that.

Mike was a great man, son, brother, dad, grandpa, great grandpa, and friend. He was born on October 12, 1950 in Salt Lake City, UT. The oldest of five children born to Louis Elmer "Lou" Dunyon and Anne Remington Dunyon of Stockton, UT.

He spent his childhood in Pine Canyon, and Stockton, UT, attending Stockton Elementary School and graduating from Tooele High School class of 1968. He hitchhiked to Tacoma, WA and later Hayward, CA where he humbly served his country in the Army receiving an honorable discharge in 1970. He held a wide variety of jobs: working for the Grimm family, Pig Farm in Rush Valley, construction for Farmer Smith, Lime Quarry in Grantsville, Dugway Proving Ground as a service station attendant back when purchasing beer on a credit card was not allowed so he had to get creative with record breaking "oil" sales, Tooele Army Depot, Sierra Army Depot, and later retiring from EG&G- where he told his grandchildren he had to go 'save the plant' but they heard 'save the planet.'

He married Teri Lee Day in Tooele, UT in 1973, and had daughter Meranda Lynn "Mandy" in 1974, they later divorced. He married Sharon Kay Baker in Las Vegas, NV in 1976, had son Joshua Michael born in 1980 and daughter Whitney Kay "Maynard" born in 1984, they later divorced. Mike married Margaret Quigg-Klamm in Reno, NV in 2003, they later divorced. He spent his remaining years with Dani Hathaway

– He found true happiness and for that we are forever grateful.

As a child he was a talented accordionist alongside his mother and in his youth, he was a dangerous daredevil alongside his friends. His love for the outdoors started at an early age, instilled in him from his own father. He spent many hours camping, boating, hunting, fishing, trapping, shooting, and exploring the desert and mountain ranges all over Utah. He loved history, had a passion for crossword puzzles just like his mother and read the thickest books he could find. He was always looking for the next hot deal and never paid full price for anything. He was known to travel long distances and wait long hours when it came to his eclectic treasure collection. He liked to jab you in the ribs, check your oil, or give you the claw when you weren't paying attention. He was always willing to help those

he liked. And everyone knew where you stood with him. He enjoyed cooking after his children left home. Some of his earlier dishes included wild game, tomato juice and rice, mayo sandwiches, chili cooked in the can, and fried bologna sandwiches.

Mike leaves behind his children: Meranda Lynn “Mandy” Dunyon-Madsen (Mark Kessinger), Joshua Michael Dunyon, and Whitney Kay “Maynard” Dunyon-Atkinson (Andrew Atkinson); his six grandchildren: Lance, Stormy, Oakley, Alexis, Sydney, and Quinn; great granddaughter: Vesper; aunt: Lois Remington; and siblings: Nancy Peterson (Jesse), Andy Dunyon (Kathy), and Jill Dunyon (Royal).

He was preceded in death by his sister Debra Anne “Duke” Dunyon, his mother Anne Remington Dunyon, his father Louis Elmer “Lou” Dunyon, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and his beloved pets – Way too many to name.

The next time you enjoy a coke-a-cola (diet) or a Miller Genuine Draft be sure to make a toast to Mike’s memory. All those who knew him will never forget his tenacity, wit, charm, knowledge, and love for life. Until we meet again, WE LOVE YOU DAD.

A private family service has been held. Mike’s children would like to give a heartfelt Thank You to Bill Long, Chad Fidler, Bryan Haslam, and Jack and Kaye Hollien.

If you have a favorite Mike story to share, no matter the language or situation, please mail your story to: Mike’s Memory – PO Box 66, Stockton, UT 84071 or email your story to: mike.dunyon@gmail.com

Comments



“ It was the summer of 1969 and there was Mike Dunyon, Terry Hodge, Steve Tonoli and myself Rick Hunter. We survived the summer by having Keg parties as much as possible, we would charge guys \$2.00 to drink and the chicks were free. By doing this we figured that we would make more money by having more guys show up. During that summer we would tow old cars up Stockton canyon then we would put a football helmet on the driver whom we decided with a coin toss and then tie them in the car with rope then we proceeded to push the car down the canyon road with no brakes of course to see how far we could get. I remember those cars were off a cliff or into the trees for years. One night Steve Tonoli passed out at the city park at the swimming pool and Mike and Terry tied firecrackers in his Afro that he had and set them off. There was hair flying every direction and Tonoli never woke up . Mike was always using the phrase “ Roger Ram Jet” and “ This Is A Nightmare” . I was proud that he painted these phrases in the back of my VW van which was nothing but a party wagon. Terry Hodge use to tell me “Hunter” “ You know Dunyon is going to die from all those mayonnaise sandwiches he eats the cholesterol will kill him” All I can say is that I have many stories about Mike and that summer was the best summer of my life and I was fortunate and Thank God to have Mike Dunyon as a friend. I'll see you on the other side Roger Ram Jet.

Rick Hunter - October 05, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ I was so sad when I heard that Mike had passed.
We worked in 611 together he was an awesome guy and will be missed terribly.
Veronica Hymer

Veronica Hymer - October 03, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ I used to run around with Mike in high school. We had Chevy Impala SS's. His was a '64 mine was a '63
Mike was very funny and I enjoyed his company.
I am so sorry for his loss, and I will m I SS him!

Ron Grover - October 02, 2020 at 05:21 AM



“ I worked with Mike in 611 and also in so. area. He was very fun to work with. Great sense of humor. I will miss Rodger Ramjet.

Mike Haskett - October 07, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ My thoughts and love to your family Andy. Mike was a good guy!
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Dorothy Bankhead - October 02, 2020 at 01:06 AM