



Michael Oliver Dean

December 3, 1970 - May 6, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce on May 6, 2026, our beloved Mikey moved on to his next adventure surrounded by the love of his family.

Mikey was a loving husband, devoted father, loyal friend, and one of the gentlest souls anyone could hope to know. He carried kindness quietly but powerfully into every room he entered, offering warmth, patience, and compassion to everyone fortunate enough to cross his path.

He leaves behind his wife, Didi, who was the love of his life and closest companion, and his cherished son, Jacob, of whom he was endlessly proud. His greatest joy came from his family - the simple moments at home, shared laughter, and the deep love they built together.

A man with a generous heart for all living creatures, Mikey could never turn away an animal in need. He lovingly cared for his rescue dog Finn, and stray cat Fiona, a reflection of the compassion that defined his life.

Though he made his home in the United States, his loss is deeply felt across oceans by both his own family in the USA and Didi's family in the United Kingdom, all of whom loved him dearly and will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

As a life long river guide and kayaker, Mikey shared a third, international family of river rafters from a very young age. His love of the outdoors and thrill of the rapids will always live within them.

Mikey will be remembered for his gentle nature, quiet strength, sense of humor, and the unwavering love he gave so freely. While his passing leaves an immeasurable void, the love he created will continue to surround those he leaves behind.

Forever loved, forever missed, forever remembered.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM Monday, May 18th, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Upcoming Events

Memorial

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277