



Michael L. Gutsch

October 31, 1945 - September 25, 2017

Michael L. Gutsch, 71, passed away at his home surrounded by family on September 25, 2017, after a valiant fight with cancer. He was born October 31, 1945, in Los Angeles, CA to Edmund B. Gutsch and Elzira (Bettencourt Gutsch) Robertson. Mike graduated from North High School in Torrance, CA in 1963, where he met the love of his life and soul mate, Marjorie Patty. They were married in 1966. They have been married over 51 years. Mike graduated from El Camino Jr. College in Torrance and Long Beach State.

Mike retired as a Captain with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department in 2003 after 28 years of service. He started his career in law enforcement as a cadet with the Hermosa Beach Police Department, and then served 8 years with the Huntington Beach Police Department from 1967 to 1975, for a total of over 38 years of service. He was a mentor to many over the years. He also served in the California National Guard for six years. Mike was an avid fisherman, had many great fishing buddies and belonged to the Kaweah Fly Fishers. Mike and Marge loved to spend time traveling in their RV, whether it be to our local beaches or other gorgeous areas. One of his favorite places was Oregon. They were members of the Mixed Nuts RV Group. Mike also enjoyed model trains, built several beautiful layouts and was a member of the Visalia Electric Railroad Modelers and Historical Society. Mike was also a member of the Visalia Elks Lodge. However, what Mike was most proud of was his family. Spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren meant so much to him. He loved sharing with them his joy of fishing, RVing and trains. Mike

impacted so many people with his infectious smile, positive, helpful attitude and love of life and was known for treating people fairly and with great respect.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Paul Gutsch. He is survived by his wife, Marge, his daughter Michelle Nuckols and her husband Justin of Porterville, his daughter Marlea Lyon and her husband Mark of Atascadero, his beloved grandchildren, Tanner Nuckols and Carson Nuckols of Porterville, and Maryn Lyon and Michael Lyon of Atascadero. He is also survived by his sister, Peggy Martin and her husband Gary of Tucson, AZ, his sister, Mary Cahill and her husband Jim of Visalia and his sister, Carol Selsted and her husband Rich of San Francisco. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

His family invites you to join them for a celebration of Mike's life on October 14, at 12:00 p.m. at the Visalia Elks Lodge, 3100 W. Main St., Visalia. Mike's arrangements are entrusted to Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, Visalia. A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue, 7495 Natomas Rd, Elverta, CA 95626, or Visalia Electric Railroad Modelers and Historical Society, P.O. Box 3605, Visalia, CA 93278.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Elks Lodge
3100 W Main St
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Kenny Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael Gutsch*



Kenny Smith - February 11, 2023 at 01:07 AM

 Lisa Piephoff

“ *Lisa Piephoff lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Lisa Piephoff - October 15, 2017 at 03:15 AM

JR

“ I'm very fortunate to have known Mike and consider him a friend. He always had a smile and always was a joy to be around. He truly was one of the most special men and he will be missed. Judy Ramirez (Scott)

Judy Ramirez - October 14, 2017 at 03:15 PM

VH

“ I worked with Michael for many years at the Tulare County Sheriff's Department. He was one of the finest men that I have ever known. He will be missed.

Vernon Hensley - October 14, 2017 at 09:41 AM

GB

“ Jerry and I are blessed to have known a wonderful man and loyal man. You were a blessing and inspiration to us and we love the family. May God comfort you Marge and your family. We are are so sorry for your loss.

Ginny and Jerry Barker - October 13, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Michael L. Gutsch.



October 06, 2017 at 01:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael L. Gutsch.*



October 04, 2017 at 07:58 PM



“ *Emma & Mike Strano lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Emma & Mike Strano - October 03, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ *Noreen Stewart lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Noreen Stewart - October 02, 2017 at 07:32 PM



“ *A beautiful man who will be so missed. I met Mike and Marge only once, but a loving memory which will last forever. I know his best buddy, River, will miss his daddy. God bless.*

Noreen Stewart - October 02, 2017 at 07:29 PM

DW

“ *Doreen Weaver/HBPD lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Doreen Weaver/HBPD - October 01, 2017 at 10:39 PM

ER

One of the finest men and best cops I have ever had the privilege to know and work with. His passing will leave a void in the life's of many folks. RIP

Earle Robitille - October 03, 2017 at 02:47 PM

 Dana Gilbert

“ *Not many people know that Mike was a Father figure for me as I grew up. He was someone who showed me kindness & how a real father treats his family. He gave me hope that I cant explain during a difficult time in my life...that no one even knew about until years later. I have so much love & respect for him. So, here it is...The world is a better place because you were in it. I will always be grateful for being a part of your wonderful life. You are missed.*



Dana Gilbert - October 01, 2017 at 03:54 PM

HB

“ On behalf of the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association, we offer heartfelt sympathy to Marge and the entire Gutsch family, friends and acquaintances. Please know Mike was a very well respected police officer at our agency and his name and work ethic will never be forgotten.



HBPOA - October 01, 2017 at 01:46 PM

LR

“ LLinda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch



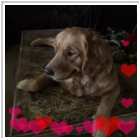
LLinda Rogers - October 01, 2017 at 12:01 PM

PM

“ Patricia Morris lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch



Patricia Morris - September 30, 2017 at 01:05 AM



“ God Bless you and Keep you and your family. May your tears soon turn to smiles of happy memories.



Lisa Hall-Keller - September 30, 2017 at 12:43 AM

KS

“ *Marge, thinking of you and your family.
Sending hugs to help you through this time.* ”



Kim Seigler - September 29, 2017 at 09:56 PM

SS

“ *Sandy Clark And Seth lit a candle in memory
of Michael L. Gutsch* ”



Sandy Clark and Seth - September 29, 2017 at 08:16 PM

CJ

“ *Christi McGinness & Jonesy lit a candle in
memory of Michael L. Gutsch* ”



Christi McGinness & Jonesy - September 29, 2017 at 05:47 PM

JY

“ *Janet Rader Youngbluth lit a candle in
memory of Michael L. Gutsch* ”



Janet Rader Youngbluth - September 29, 2017 at 04:12 PM

LH

“ *Linda Heimiller lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Linda Heimiller - September 29, 2017 at 12:24 PM

CW

“ *Carol Kiefer Winkel lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Carol Kiefer Winkel - September 29, 2017 at 09:38 AM

SS

“ *Sandy Stanley lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Sandy Stanley - September 29, 2017 at 08:44 AM

DS

“ *Dianne Snow lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*




Dianne Snow - September 29, 2017 at 08:37 AM

KS

“ *Kristi Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Kristi Smith - September 29, 2017 at 02:58 AM

 Vicki Lipski

“ *Vicki Lipski lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Vicki Lipski - September 29, 2017 at 12:19 AM



“ *Evert Helen Brinke lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Evert Helen Brinke - September 29, 2017 at 12:05 AM

 Diana Maberry

“ *Diana Maberry lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gutsch*



Diana Maberry - September 28, 2017 at 11:38 PM

DB

“ *Donna Becker lit a candle in memory of
Michael L. Gutsch*



Donna Becker - September 28, 2017 at 06:27 PM