



Michael Kaloustian

December 17, 1923 - July 5, 2024

After being blessed by God for over 100 years, Michael "Mike" Kaloustian passed away peacefully on July 5. Mike was born December 17, 1923 to Hatcher and Arous Kaloustian in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mike was the oldest of three children, followed by Martha Ambrookian and Harry Kaloustian.

Upon graduating high school in 1942, he promptly joined the US Navy in June of that year. After all of his training courses, he was assigned to the USS New Orleans, a heavy cruiser. During the war his ship was in several battles in the south Pacific. He was honorably discharged in March of 1946. He moved back to Wisconsin and started working civilian jobs while attending college and earning his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

On April 18, 1953, he married Elsie Boranian, a marriage that lasted for 61 years until her passing in 2014. Mike began his career in hospital administration in Racine, Wisconsin. Upon moving to California he continued his career in Visalia, Merced, and Tulare. Mike and Elsie moved back to Visalia in 1970 where they raised their three daughters, Nancy (Metcalf), Gale (Thomas), and Karen (Diltz).

Mike enjoyed playing rounds of golf, and to pay for his hobby, and coffee, he worked as a marshal at Valley Oaks Golf Course for several years. He was a member of the Armenian Church in Yettem and later joined First Baptist

Church in Visalia. Both he and Elsie enjoyed growing spiritually through Bible Study Fellowship and Pastor Westbrook's Bible and Breakfast. Mike and Elsie became members of Visalia Evangelical Free Church (now Grace Bible Church) where they volunteered with several other retirees on Thursdays.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Harry, son in law Paul Metcalf, his beloved wife Elsie, son in law Jim Thomas, and his sister Martha.

Mike is survived by his three daughters, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, multiple nieces and nephews, and numerous honorary "family" members.

Funeral services will be held 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Monday, July 22nd, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. A military burial will be held 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Monday, July 22nd, 2024 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

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

Previous Events

Funeral

JUL 22. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (PT)

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

Graveside

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Kaloustian*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - July 18, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Michael Kaloustian*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - July 17, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *Joyce Turkington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Kaloustian.*

Joyce Turkington - July 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM

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“ *Joyce Turkington purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael Kaloustian.*



Joyce Turkington - July 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM

MI

“ *Michelle lit a candle in memory of Michael Kaloustian*



Michelle - July 18, 2024 at 07:26 PM

CL

“ *Dearest Gale,
My heart broke when I read about your father passing. What a wonderful, wonderful man he was. I remember when I met him back in 1979. I fell in love with him immediately. His charisma was powerful! I am so sorry for your families loss but what a life he had! He always brought a smile to my face. Celebrate him and all your memories!!! They will sustain you! My love, Cyndi*



Cyndi Lee - July 17, 2024 at 05:56 PM

JL

“ *Judy Lokey lit a candle in memory of Michael Kaloustian*



Judy Lokey - July 16, 2024 at 04:23 PM

DR

“ *Knew this was coming, but still.... Mike was a long-time friend of the Johnson family, from bowling with Lloyd in South Milwaukee, then bowling with Lloyd and Dorothy after he moved to Visalia. We used to run into him at Von's on Chinowth and Noble. I joined the VFW Post in 2011 and here's Mike again.*

Our Shipmate, Comrade, Friend Mike has received his Final Orders, and now serves on the Staff of the Supreme Commander. 100 years - a long and successful Tour of Duty. No more in this life will we see his sliming face, hear his laugh, share a sea-story or two. But since he touched our lives, we all carry a part of him with us, in our hearts and in our memories. And by Faith we know that one day, in God's good time, we will join him.

We Pray God's healing Grace flow over the Kaloustian family and all who knew Mike, bringing Comfort and Strength in this difficult time.

Bon Voyage, Shipmate Mike. Until we meet again.

American Legion Visalia Post 18 / FRA Lemoore Branch 261 Chaplain sends.

Donald Lloyd Johnson EM1(SS) USN Retired - July 16, 2024 at 04:06 PM