



Michael Dean Leavens

November 18, 1949 - December 19, 2025

Michael Dean Leavens, 76 of Hanford, California, died on December 19, 2025, in Hanford, California. Mike was born to Edgar Richmond Leavens and Donnie Rutledge Leavens on November 18, 1949 in Hanford, California.

Mike or as some knew him, "Lefty", grew up in Hanford and graduated from Hanford High School. He loved playing baseball his whole life, including during his time in the U.S. Army. He also coached, umpired and was an official score keeper for many years. When one of his granddaughters were playing softball, he'd gladly volunteer to keep score when needed. His love of the game was so great, he'd even have his official scorebook out while watching games on TV or listening to one on the radio.

He married Linda Buck and they had a son, Jason Michael Leavens. His second marriage was to Sandy Lemos and they had a daughter, Jamie Lyn (Leavens) Johnson.

Mike worked as a Steel Worker for Butler Steel Manufacturing for over 27 years, where he retired.

Mike enjoyed watching his San Francisco Giants and San Francisco 49ers. He loved to watch his grandchildren play their favorite sports, such as softball, volleyball, basketball and track. You might also catch him at an occasional

academic awards ceremony, spelling bee or other school event. He also loved hanging out on the patio with his friends and spending time with his family.

Mike will be remembered for his sense of humor, he loved to make everyone laugh, his love of music and classic cars and his unique way of buying and selling things. He was very generous and would make friends everywhere he went.

Mike is survived by two children, Jason Leavens (wife Kelly) and Jamie Johnson. His sister Linda Koester and brother Rick Leavens (wife Kaye). Granddaughters Jordyn, Justice, Jaylyn, Briana, Tori, Jenna, Gabrielle, Kaylee and Carissa and his one and only grandson, Marcus. His great-granddaughter Blair. His ex-wife and dear friend Sandy. Many nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

Mike will truly be missed by all.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I will forever remember Holidays, especially Thanksgiving at my Aunt Donnie and Uncle Ed’s house. We would walk through the door and there would be Mike, Rick and Uncle Ed in front of the TV watching football. They would pause long enough to say Hi, and then right back to their play by play on the games. Stop long enough to eat and right back to it. Aunt Donnie would just shake her head and say she was surprised they ate! Love those memories. RIP cousin.

terry - December 29, 2025 at 06:36 PM

LP

“ It’s still hard to see this in writing with that big smiling face. You were the funniest uncle always bringing so much laughter to our family. You had a huge heart and left us with a lifetime of memories. You will be missed Uncle Mike❤️Prayers of comfort to my cousin Jamie, children, and Aunt Sandy🙏☐

Lisa Skaggs Perkins - December 29, 2025 at 05:34 PM

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“ What a character 😭...even though after 13 yrs married, we divorced, we remained friends from high school until he passed away❤️💔I will always love him & have my beautiful daughter Jamie with him & stepson Jason...family forever💔 God Bless Mike & Rest In Peace🙏🙏

Sandy Lemos - December 29, 2025 at 02:24 PM

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Many memories from our Childhood. He was a great man with such a loving heart. RIP Mike.

brenda costa - January 16 at 09:40 AM