



Michael Dennis McRaven

August 24, 1944 - March 1, 2024

Michael (Mike) Dennis McRaven, 79, a Vietnam War veteran, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2024, surrounded by those who loved and cared for him.

Born on August 24, 1944, in San Francisco, Ca, to Edward Lee McRaven and Mary Ellen (Phillips) McRaven. Mike served his country with honor and dedication during the Vietnam War. His bravery and sacrifice will forever be remembered by those who knew him.

Mike was preceded in death by his father Edward McRaven, Mother Mary McRaven, and youngest brother Mark McRaven. Mike is survived by his children Shannon Looney (McRaven), Michael McRaven, Ellen Haakma (McRaven), Elizabeth (Beth) Sanchez (McRaven) fourteen grandchildren, 3 great grandsons and 1 great granddaughter. As well as his siblings Tim McRaven, Patricia McRaven, Erin Fincher (McRaven), and Terry McRaven who will deeply miss his presence but take solace in the memories of his strength, resilience, and unwavering love.

Mike (Papa) loved his grandchildren so very much. He would always beam with pride when he would hear all their accomplishments. He spent many years taking pictures of his grandchildren and loved sharing them with his kids, it was his hobby for years. Mike was known for his love of cameras and all things photography, motorcycles, and dry sense of humor. He always enjoyed being at the beach especially Laguna Beach (Heisler Park). This is where his grandchildren would often go when they were younger. His talent

for photography included the photographing the outdoors and the sunset or flowers. The photographs he took will be a lasting memory of his love of the lens. Besides photography he had impeccable taste in music and always knew every word no matter the song. His "finger tapping" to the tunes will be a lasting memory for many.

Mike was a great man who lived his life in the only way he knew how. He served his country and learned the ways of the world at a young age. He loved fiercely and lived with many regrets. If there is one thing, he would want his family to know it is that he deeply loved them and was overwhelmingly proud to be their dad, Papa, and brother. He was so very grateful that he had each of you in his life. Even when his memory failed, he asked often about his siblings, children, and grandchildren. His mind was failing but the memories he had with those he loved were ever present.

A veteran's tribute and funeral service in honor of Mike's life and service will be held at Riverside National Cemetery on April 4, 2024 @ 1100 am. Military honors will be presented to commemorate his dedication to his country. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made the American Legion in honor of Mike's memory and commitment to his fellow veterans.

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

Previous Events

Graveside

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Boulevard
Riverside, CA 92518
(951) 653-8417
paul.ccpc@earthlink.com
<http://rncsc.org/>

Tribute Wall



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



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 02, 2024 at 05:36 PM

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“ *The best big brother possible. As he was quite a bit older than me, I idolized him. He was a second dad to appreciate his presence more than words can express.*

Patricia McRaven - July 28, 2025 at 04:18 AM