



Michael Anthony Salierno

April 28, 1965 - March 19, 2024

Michael Anthony Salierno went home to his heavenly father on March 19, 2024, at the age of 58. Michael passed peacefully at home after a long and courageous fight against cancer with his family by his side.

He was born April 28, 1965, in Visalia, California where he resided his entire life. He attended Veva Blunt, Green Acres and graduated in 1983 from Redwood High School. After high school he began his life's work in the construction field.

Michael loved fishing, the mountains, the coast, old cars (he attended car shows in the area and the coast) and his most recent car show in Exeter on March 16th. He loved anything old (antiques) and decorating his home and yard. Michael's incredible work ethic and accomplishments are second to his loving and engaging personality. Those who were blessed to be in his life have felt his affirming and validating love, as he genuinely cared for everyone he met.

Michael's children, Michaela, and Gavin along with family and friends were the most important part of his life. Michael used his technical skills to combine with his generous and compassionate nature to help anyone and everyone. If anyone needed help, Michael was the first one there to help repair, replace, fix, or move someone without them asking and without expectation of anything in return.

Some men come into our lives and make a lasting impression on our hearts. They show us how to live life to the fullest, how to love others well, and how to

make a difference in the world around them. Michael was one of those men and his loss will be deeply felt by so many who knew him.

Michael is survived by his two precious children, daughter Michaela Salierno and son Gavin Salierno of Visalia, who made their father proud. His parents Tony and Mary Salierno, Visalia, and siblings Cathy Lewis, Kurt (Pam) Salierno, Stefani Salierno (Jeff) Fisher, all of Visalia and Jennifer (Ryan) January of Reseda, Ca. Michael also leaves behind numerous extended family members. He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Naylor of Visalia.

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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“ My husband and I met Michael; through his brother; Kurt. We needed some repairs done on our roof and Mike came over to see. He said it wasn't that much work to be done. He completed the job quickly; we asked how much did we owe him; and he wouldn't take any payment. Mike was a stand up guy. Not only; he was kind; and honest. He'll be missed. Linda Hightower/ Joe Rodriguez.

Linda Hightower/Joe Rodriguez - April 03, 2024 at 03:41 PM

“ I don’t know how I’m going to get past this! I remember the day I lost you the first time like it was yesterday, and feeling completely numb.

This time is different. It’s harder and frustrating. I want you to be here, and you should be here. I want you to walk your daughter down the aisle on her wedding day! I want you to hold your first grandchild and feel unconditional love! This pain is unbearable, and it’s breaking my heart into tiny pieces.

Thank you for the random “check-in calls” over the years. One call stands out above all others, you asked me, “What are you doing?” I responded, “I’m getting ready for a date.” Your immediate response was, “Don’t wear black! You don’t look good in black!” I admit I was shocked because I wasn’t aware that you were into fashion. My reply was, “Noted!”

We shared so many interests. We loved working on cars together. I remember that darn piano hinge that took us all night to weld on the Nissan truck bed! We bought the Volkswagen Type 3 together and learned to fiberglass the passenger rear side. We spent so much time on the Toyota Celina, and you needed everything to be perfect, including the rims, which took us 2x to get right!

Then there were the remote-control toys that we built together! The cars were fun for a bit, but we soon got bored. So we built a remote-controlled boat and painted it the same canary yellow as our Karmann Ghia. The boat was fun, unless “someone” forgot to turn the radio frequency on the boat on - this meant someone was going swimming! Lol. Then we graduated to a remote-controlled plane! Yes, that one took a month to build and 10 seconds to destroy! We went back to the boat!!

Remember when your mom taught me to cook? She was the best! She wanted me to get the Italian sauce right! I still make her sauce, BTW.

I miss you beyond words. You already know this, but you are the love of my life even though you chose a different path. Because when you truly love someone, you have to let them go.

Thank you for your messages before you passed. I'll treasure them always, love you forever, and keep you in my heart.

Wendy Peppel - March 31, 2024 at 09:16 PM

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“ *I bought my 56 BigWindow from Michael many years ago and restored it !!! Was always good to see him at a car show/swap meet GOD SPEED my brother !!!*



Donovan Scrimshire - March 31, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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“ *What a great guy Michael was. This earth will not be as happy with him gone from here. He was always willing and happy to help anyone. What a great guy. He will not be forgotten. He loved his family so much!*

Cynthia Thompson - March 31, 2024 at 12:11 AM

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“ *I didn't know Michael long, but he sure made an impression on me. He was kind and friendly, and he would always kiss me on the cheek when he saw me. Such a sweet man. I will miss him. Praying for all the family as they grieve.*

Valeri Barnes - March 30, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ *Micheal was a wonderful cousin. We loved him. He will be missed.
Sending love and prayers* ”

Vickie Clements - March 29, 2024 at 11:21 AM