



Michael Libera

August 23, 1930 - June 12, 2020

Passed away 06/12/2020 in Carpinteria California. He resided in the general Santa Barbara area since 1962 and lived in Carpinteria since 1987. Mike was born in Winona, Minnesota, August 23 1930 to Michael J. Libera and Eleanore (Hartford) Libera. He attended Cotter High School in Winona, St. Thomas University in St. Paul, and graduated from California State University Sacramento where he also played basketball. He taught briefly in the Sacramento area before serving two years in the Army Counterintelligence Corps in Japan. After discharge in 1955 he began a two-year program at the Pasadena College of Theatre Arts with the intention of becoming a television sports announcer. He was also a substitute teacher in the Pasadena City Schools. After completing drama studies he obtained his first television acting role, and became a member of the Screen Actors Guild. He went on to have parts in television series, including a year-long co-starring role in "Squad Car". He also did theater, television commercials, as well as modeling for Kodak and other different print mediums.

Mike spent forty years as Vice-President and Director of Sales for surgical implant products. Locally he was one of the first employees with Heyer-Schulte Corp., and as the product line was bought out by American Hospital Corp., Baxter International, Neuro-Care and Integra, he continued to direct international business. He traveled the world extensively, and made life-long friendships in many counties around the world. He was married to Jo Ann Woodruff from 1958 until 1972, and they had four children; Kevin Libera,

Karen Libera, Stacy Ryan and Kristin Hamor. He was married to Pamela Aiello (Libera) from 1974 until 1987, and they had one son, Brian Libera (Candice) of Solvang. Besides his surgical care work, they had a popular farm and apple orchard in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Mike continued his interest in film, theatre and sports. He was an active golfer, and between the ages of 50 and 60 he finished 13 marathons including Boston, New York, The Twin Cities, Las Vegas, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Big Sur. His greatest pleasure through, was in his relationship with his family. On holidays, birthdays and numerous other occasions Mike and his five children, both wives and 11 grandchildren would get together to party and celebrate. Mike enjoyed and loved life to the fullest. He believed and trusted in God, and thought of himself as a Zen Catholic, having practiced meditation for the last 40 years, and attended many silent retreats. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, sister Cate (Linda) and daughters Kristin and Stacy.

A Christian Burial Service will be held for family and friends at the Carpinteria Cemetery, 1501 Cravens Lane at 11:00am on Saturday, July 18th. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Santa Barbara Catholic Charities.

Cemetery Details

Carpinteria Cemetery

1501 Cravens Lane
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family of Mike,

I'm so sad to learn about Mike's passing..

*Had not heard from him for a long time, so sent him a few emails.
the last one was yesterday.*

*I was a bit worried, because he had shared news about his health in
the spring of this year, so I decided to search the internet. That's
where I found the obituary.*

*I have very warm memories of Mike. We met in 1992 during a
congress in Acapulco ad have been in touch since then. Twice he
came to Amsterdam, on one of these occassions I also met a few
family members.*

I will miss him dearly!

I wish you strength to deal with this loss...

Warm regards,

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