



## Dennis Michael Kauffman

March 9, 1951 - January 21, 2020

Dennis Michael Kauffman, "Mike," age 68, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in Moses Lake, Washington.

Mike was born in March of 1951 in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Mike graduated from Shadle Park High School in Spokane, WA in 1969. Mike served our country in the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic during the Vietnam War and continued this career after his departure from the military where he worked for Lockheed Martin in Saudia Arabia. It was there, where he met the love of his life, Gemma. The two married in December 1981 in the Philippines. After marriage, they finished their work contracts in Saudia Arabia before moving to the Philippines.

In December 1984, Mike and Gemma welcomed their first daughter, Sharlene. Shortly after Sharlene was born, the family relocated to California and eventually to Moses Lake as Mike felt it would be a great place to raise the family. In April 1989, Mike and Gemma welcomed their second daughter, Rowena. Mike taught his girls his favorite hobbies which soon became their favorites, too. These hobbies included hunting, fishing, target shooting, riding motorcycles, autocross racing, and spending time with his family.

Mike was a longtime resident of Moses Lake, Washington. Mike and Gemma spent most of their time with their family, especially after retirement. Mike was always smiling and enjoying life. Mike had a great sense of humor and was always cracking jokes. He was the best husband, father, and grandpa.

Mike is survived by his wife, Gemma Kauffman, his daughters Sharlene

Hopkins (Aaron Hopkins) and Rowena Peters (Derek Peters), his father Harry Kauffman, his sister, Mollie Lucas (Mark Lucas), his brother Patrick Kauffman, and grandchildren (Barrett and Grady). He is preceded in death by his mother, Laura.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

HB

“ Lastly I want Gema to know that I could always tell how much he loved her. He always wanted to show off her cooking to me when I would visit. He was lucky to have someone like her in his life.

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**Hal Barker** - January 29, 2020 at 10:31 PM

HB

“ Mike was my closest friend when we both lived on Larson AFB for five years in the early 1960's. We both loved to fish and camp as well as just hang out doing other things. Then we both ended up living in Spokane where we renewed our friendship. We added hunting, motorcycling and go cart racing to our love of fishing and camping. When we graduated from Shadle Park HS he went in the Air Force and I went to college. Mike was overseas or in Calif. for many years but we kept up writing letters over the years. Then one day he called and said he was moving back to Moses Lake WA and we resumed our friendship seeing each other when we could, fishing off and on and we're able to ride our motorcycles again twice. I am grateful I was able to spend a day with him this past December. I will have nothing but fond memories of Mike and his family. I would like Sharlene and Rowena to know that he always told me about them and how proud he was at how they did so well in school and life and really liked their respective husbands. He really loved them all and his two grandchildren.

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**Hal Barker** - January 29, 2020 at 10:27 PM

SH

Harold, thank you so much for sharing this. I really needed this right now. I miss him so much. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to my dad.

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**Sharlene** - January 30, 2020 at 07:49 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album Dennis Michael Kauffman Memorial Video



Sharlene Hopkins - January 26, 2020 at 11:51 PM

HB

*I just found this obituary on Mike which I had never seen. The video of all the photos was great. It even had a photo of Mike and I with out hunting clothes and guns during high school. We hunted and fished a lot from about 10 years old on. We rode our small cycles back then and raced go carts. I was happy we got to reconnect when he moved back to Moses Lake and I was in Yakima. I saw how much he loved Gemma and you girls. He followed everything you guys were involved in and was so proud of your accomplishments in school and then college. He loved his grandkids just like he did you. And he always talked fondly of both his son in laws. He was one of my oldest and very best friends and I still think of him often. We had a lot of crazy fun together. Hal Barker*

Harold Hal Barker - March 27 at 05:25 AM

RP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Rowena Peters - January 26, 2020 at 11:46 PM

HB

*Great photo of Mike and his Harley. He loved motorcycles as I did. We rode a lot on our small Yamaha and Honda's in the 60's.*

Hal Barker - January 29, 2020 at 10:11 PM

RS

“ *Randall Stewart lit a candle for Dennis Kauffman*



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**Randall Stewart** - January 24, 2020 at 12:37 PM

SH

*Thank you, Randy.*

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**Sharlene Hopkins** - January 26, 2020 at 11:48 PM

CH

“ *I was saddened to hear of Dennis's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time!! ♡ Chelsea&Kyle Peters*



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**Chelsea** - January 23, 2020 at 04:11 PM

SH

*Thank you, Chelsea.*

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**Sharlene Hopkins** - January 26, 2020 at 11:49 PM