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Longtime Grant County resident, Michael (Mike) Meseberg passed away due to complications of his 4 year battle with Multiple Myeloma. Mike was born in Miles City, Montana to Rodney and Alice LaVonne (Anderson) Meseberg on March 13, 1952. The family moved to Seattle when Mike was just 1 week old. He used to quip that he didn't like Miles City so he hopped a train with his Mom and 11 month old brother, Dave. Mike's Mom carefully put Mike in a basket for the trip. Mike's first brush with mortality was when the porter, mistaking the basket for a picnic, tossed Mike, basket and all off the train. Thankfully, another porter caught it, baby Mike intact. They joined their father in Seattle (Des Moines) where Rod had started a job at Boeing. Mike had an idyllic youth in the neighborhood, excelled at sports, school and had lots of friends. He graduated from Mt. Rainier High School in 1970 with letters from numerous sports but excelled in baseball. In fact, the Des Moines 100 years History has a section on Mike and named him a local hometown hero for his performance in the 1970 City-State All Star Game where he won the best hitter award. After being drafted by the Pittsburg Pirates, he opted for education but continued playing baseball at YVC in Yakima and LCSC in Lewiston, Idaho where he earned his bachelor's degree. This is where he met his wife-to-be, Marilyn Schacher Meseberg. Mike and Marilyn married in Grangeville, Idaho on Flag Day, June 14, 1975. His parents thought Marilyn

(not realizing that it was Flag Day) was very important when they drove into town and saw all the flags displayed. Mike and Marilyn moved to MarDon Resort the next week and never looking back, dug into working and building the resort into a beautiful RV Park destination. Mike and Marilyn were married for 48 years.

Mike reported daily for his stint in the MarDon Tackle Shop with his goal to teach as many people as possible how to have fun at the resort and on the lake. He made it his business to help his customers catch a fish or bag a duck. He was always very chatty and talked most people out the door. He loved people and he loved his 44 years managing the store and the resort. Son, Michael Levi, was born in 1979 and daughter Melannie Alice (Annie) was born in 1984, making for a perfect little family. Mike had a few passions, one of them naturally being baseball. So as soon as Levi and Annie were old enough to play, he dove into a plan to raise money to help with after school activities and better sports fields for the youth of Royal City School District. Along with a few other folks, the Royal Youth Boosters was created along with a hunting program that provided access to hunters for bird hunting. The Boosters are still an active group and have partnered with the school to enhance their after school programs. Mike was always proud of his time with the Boosters and made many lifelong friends.

During his time at MarDon Resort, Mike volunteered for over twenty years on the Waterfowl Art Committee for WA State. This program used dedicated funds from the sale of Duck Stamps to enhance wetland habitat. He also volunteered for the Waterfowl Advisory Group (WAG) and the Inland Fish Advisory Committee (INFAG) all for the WDFW. Mike was always a champion for warmwater species, something he learned from his father and his years of fishing at Potholes.

All this experience was put to good use as Mike began to fulfill his dream of making fishing on Potholes Reservoir better, even world class. The 50-year-old lake had lost all its habitat and with it, the nursery stock (perch, crappie, bluegill). The fishing had become difficult with 90% of the fish being caught by

10% of the fishers. He had heard about a rehab project going on at Lake Havasu, so Mike traveled there several times. During his visits, he became best friends with the project's organizers and came home with a plan. He partnered with Glenn Grette and between the two of them, they accomplished a near impossible feat. They secured a 20-year permit to build and plant fish habitats on Potholes Reservoir. His dad's non-profit, the Central Wash Fish Advisory Committee (CWFAC,) was lying dormant. Mike dusted it off, re-vamped its' usage and started fundraising. This was in June, 2005. The project has been very successful and now beginner fishers can catch fish. The walleye and bass, which were getting a little stressed, are now in very good shape.

Mike leaves behind his wife, Marilyn, son Levi (Kellee Brown), daughter Annie (Brad Gleich), grandchildren (Levi & Kellee's children) Mason (13), Lillee (11) and Hawkins (7), (Annie & Brad's children) Brenna (20), Brodie (15), Sydney (9) and Blake (7). Mike is also survived by his brother Dave (Debbie Daniels) and numerous nieces and nephews all of whom he loved very much.

Preceding Mike in death are his parents, Rodney and Alice LaVonne (Anderson) Meseberg and Uncles John Anderson, Royal Meseberg and Harley Meseberg.

Mike never met a stranger and always described everyone as "The nicest guy/lady/kid you will ever meet" but truth be told, Mike was the nicest guy you would ever meet. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and business owner that will be missed by so many.

We will celebrate his life at MarDon Resort on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at noon followed by a luncheon. Dress is business casual or mismatched camo, whatever is best. Please wear warm footwear as we will be in a large, heated tent on grass...and it is January!!

In lieu of flowers, Mike's request was to continue his important work on the Fish Habitat for Potholes Reservoir. Please donate to [PayPal.me/cwfac](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.cwfac.org) For more information please visit www.cwfac.org

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 12:00 PM (PT)

MarDon Resort
8198 HWY 262 SE
Othello, WA 99344

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Mike Meseberg

You've been a tower of Love, kindness, laughter and strength to Marilyn, your kids and grandkids!! Your MarDon/Potholes family and anyone you came in contact with loved you!! It made no difference who we were-whether rich or poor, important or insignificant, young or old--You cared and shared your knowledge and crazy stories of your life, fishing and hunting and memories with anyone who would listen.

You made us laugh and feel important. Through good times and hard times you were always there with a smile or a joke-a hug or a tear to encourage us on in life. You lived life with fun and gusto to the fullest!!! Your family, grandkids and many, many friends will always remember your legacy when they hear your name(Mike Meseberg-Papa Mike)- recall a story you told-see a picture-Yes Mike told me that that story or joke!!

Mike- Daryl and I are proud to have been a part of your life and shared so many wonderful memories with you and Marilyn-your kids and Grandkids.

I have a favorite song that says "I Can Only Imagine-what it will be like" as Heaven welcomed you-What a joyous celebration that must be!!!

We are saddened by the loss of Mike's physical body but the warmth, kindness and the friendship of our dear Mike will never be gone. His spirit lives on in our hearts and will remain with us in all the funny and sweet memories of him.

Dear Lord-Bless the Meseberg family-Grant them comfort, solace and hope; bring healing and Peace to all. In Jesus name--Amen.

It's been a Blessing and an honor to know you Mike-Until we meet again.....

Jo Keeney - January 09, 2024 at 01:06 AM

RH

“ Marilyn, Levi, and Annie,
I feel blessed to have known Mike and your family. He was always eager to share not just news of Mar Don, but of each of you. I am sad to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.
Rick Hourigan

Rick Hourigan - January 08, 2024 at 11:11 PM

CB

“ What a very nice obituary, I'm so glad I got to meet him before he passed. Condolences to you and your family.

Carol Brumett - January 05, 2024 at 11:49 PM

MR

“ I think it must have been 2001 or 2002. Our son, Devin was about 11 or 12 years old. He was out on our waverunner fishing in the dunes. He knew the dunes very well by then as we had been staying at Mardon since he was born. He called me one evening to let me know he was stuck on a sandbar. Mom here, being at our place at the resort alone with only our young daughter, had no way to get out on the water to help him. It was starting to get dark then, and I was getting panicky. Well... I called Mike. He was at home and not at the resort at that time, but he drove all the way out in the dark, launched his boat and went out to the rescue. This is just one example of what a kind, caring, wonderful man Mike was.
Sending all our love and condolences to the Meseberg family.
Marda & Tom

Marda Regney - January 05, 2024 at 09:16 PM

JS

“ So many good memories I have of Mike, from in the campgrounds, to the sand dunes, and seeing him on the cash register. He will surely be missed, by all. John Stokka.....”

John Stokka - January 05, 2024 at 09:14 PM

CG

“ You were an inspiration to me with your kind heart and always smiling. Thank you for being that Multiple Myeloma Warrior that we all needed.”



Carol Ganiere - January 05, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ I only have very warm memories of Mike, coaching our AAU basketball team, running the duck-plucking camper, sleepovers with Annie, and trying clams for the first time. He was always kind and gentle and made me laugh. His obituary was beautiful, perfectly suited to him, and bringing back lots of memories. Thankful to have known such a well-loved man. Praying for God's comfort to surround you all as you navigate the grief his passing leaves.”

Mary Jean (Mathis) Inman

Mary Jean Inman - January 05, 2024 at 01:40 PM