



## Michael James Spence

November 8, 1949 - November 2, 2017

Michael James Spence, 67, a resident of Wenatchee, passed away Thursday, November 2, 2017.

# Tribute Wall



“ *mike will be truly missed by all that new him he was a good roommate and a friend always keep him bedroom clean and bed made lol.We had a lot of fun at work or play rest in peace now my friend.*

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**Orville Vern Best** - November 08, 2017 at 02:28 PM



*You were a great friend to Mike.*

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**April Brown Auctioneer** - November 30, 2017 at 11:54 PM



“ *Orville Vern Best lit a candle in memory of Michael James Spence*



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**Orville Vern Best** - November 08, 2017 at 02:19 PM

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“Michael James Spence died peacefully in his sleep in his childhood home and bedroom of Acute Myocardial Infarction in Wenatchee, Washington on November 2nd around 8:00 in the morning. Michael was preceded in death by his infant sister, Sandra Lynn Spence (1951). He is survived by his beloved mother June Fitzpatrick, Wenatchee, beloved father Jim Spence (wife Darlene), Salina, Kansas, his brother Gary Spence, Leavenworth and Gary's daughter Tandie Kay (Spence) Sears (husband Jeremiah Sears) and her children, Carson Dilliard and Preston Dillard, Tandie's mother Nancy Spence McIntosh (husband Doug McIntosh), Wenatchee and sister April Brown (formerly Brenda Spence), Shoreline, Washington her son, Russ Smith (wife Chris Ewing Smith) and Russ's children, Britney, Baylie and Blake, Kuna, Idaho.

Michael worked extensively throughout the tri-states and lived in the Everett area for more than a decade and settled in Shoreline in 2001. He lived across the street from his sister until two serious heart attacks forced early retirement from Mid Mountain Construction in Seattle. He moved back to Wenatchee and lived up No. 1 Canyon in a quaint cabin with his yellow cat Mister. In 2005 a serious car accident left him with a manageable Traumatic Brain Injury and he lived with his mother and several rescue cats until his passing.

Michael attended Lewis and Clark elementary school, Orchard Junior High, Wenatchee High School and took courses at Wenatchee Valley College. He served in the United States Army and The National Guard honorably.

He was a proud member of Local Labors' International Union of North America, Local 292 for 31 years. He worked in Wenatchee at Larson Pools, and in 1974 worked on the Rock Island Dam 2nd Powerhouse at S & J Grove with Bob Busenbark and Jerry Mucgrand. Mike worked in the Tri Cities on the Hanford Nuclear Site, Bocon Concrete Construction, Pilchuck and Mid Mountain in Seattle. He won a service award from Pilchuck. He was dispatched

*by the union to Aldrich & Associates Inc, J.J. Welcome Construction Co., SSI Incorporated, Pioneer Development & Construction Compan, Cusick Construction Co., Inc, Stuart Construction Co., Inc., Gencon Construction Co. Inc., Lydig Construction, D B M Foundation, Geo P. Reintjes, Co, Malcom Drilling Co., Foushee & Associates Company, Traid Mechanical, Inc. He worked hard all his life and everyone he worked with loved having Mike on the crew.*

*Michael preferred to be called by his full name but most called him Mike. When he was younger and before his health challenges, he loved his Harley Davidson and his friends. He hiked and camped, and road his bike with his buddies. People would be surprised to know he loved to draw and was quite artistic. He made a mean tuna casserole. He collected antiques and memorabilia and enjoyed refinishing good wood furniture. He liked collecting vintage oil lamps, clocks, figurines, and enjoyed "junken" with his sister and mother. He enjoyed watching movies and television series from the 70's. Many of his friends consider him the brother they never had. Vern, Doug, Bill, Curt, Lucy, Scott, Thumper, Dianna, Linda, Frank, Johnny, Janis, Gar and others were treasured friends.*

*He read the Wenatchee World and Seattle PI from cover to cover. Michael was a lifelong Democrat and followed the presidential campaign with a passion. He loved talking politics.*

*Michael's shyness was often mistaken as anti-social but he was a sweet loving man who helped anyone who needed his help. His family will be forever grateful to him for his loving care and devotion to his mother for the past 12 years.*

*Mike was a gentle person. He loved his cats and especially Buddy. Mike was more of Buddy's pet than the other way around. He cared for rescued cats and kittens and spoiled his cat Buddy. Buddy misses Michael. We are thankful he was our brother, son and uncle for nearly 68 years.*

*Michael supported Whisker City Cat Rescue in Shoreline,*

Washington.



**April Brown** - November 07, 2017 at 07:51 PM

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*MIKE will be truly missed by all that new him,he was truly one of a kind I will always remember all of the good times we had either at work or at play rest in peace now my old friend.vern*

**vern best** - November 08, 2017 at 02:18 PM

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*I miss him!*

**Madalynne Homme** - October 06, 2023 at 09:47 PM

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*I miss this man! We always had a sixth sense. I'm too late to wish him a safe journey! Mike I love you forever!!!! Me*

**Madalynne Homme** - October 06, 2023 at 10:05 PM