



## Michael "Mike" Bennett

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Michael Bennett, 64, went to be with Jesus on August 28, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Michael was born on December 8, 1958, to Richard and Nancy Bennett in Glendale, CA. He was the middle child of five. Michael moved to Washington State at the age of four with his mother and two youngest sisters.

After graduation from Leavenworth High School, he enlisted in the United States Army serving as an M.P. in Korea and the U.S. After his return to the valley in 1980 he worked at the Edelweiss Restaurant for numerous years. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Deanna. They were married on September 8, 1984, in Leavenworth. He then found his career as a chemical sales and service technician from 1988 until his death. He was loved and relied upon by his loyal customers throughout Eastern Washington.

Michael and Deanna made their home in Cashmere and had a lot of love and joy with family and friends that they met along the way.

Michael was a fun-loving man, very creative, and loved to laugh. Hours were

spent creating wooden treasures in his woodworking shop for his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Michael and Deanna had a passion for golf, family game nights, and attended each and every activity the children were participating in. They enjoyed traveling and competing in golf tournaments and have especially fond memories of their times together in Palm Springs.

Michael had a tremendous love for God. He and Deanna, along with cousins Bob and Swede formed the Gospel Quartet 'n' Faith. Singing in praise of our Lord brought him much joy.

In 2017, Michael and Deanna were asked to be Santa and Mrs. Claus for a local Christmas party. They loved it so much that they continued to appear at numerous places during the holiday season. They became the Official Leavenworth Santa and Mrs. Claus in 2019. There were always candy canes in his pocket year-round. He loved the look on their faces as he reached in and handed one to them. He shared his love and contagious laugh with all.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deanna. Children: Terri (Scott) Haskins; Lisa (Scott) Moore; Tony (Glena) Valentine; Lana Valentine; Tina (Jeff) Telgenhoff. Grandchildren: Todd & Kevin Milne; Karine (Corey) Mish & Matthew Haskins; Cameron & Adam Moore; Zachary Valentine Peirce & Olivia Valentine; Cory & Kyle Janssen and Lane Riggs. Four Great Grandchildren. Mother Nancy Bennett, sisters Peggy (Vic) White and Bonnie Foust. Numerous nephews, nieces, great nieces, and great nephews.

A Celebration of Michael's Life will be held at the Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 111 Ski Hill Drive, Leavenworth, WA 98826 on September 30, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.

You are invited to view Michael Bennett's online tribute at [www.HeritageMemo](http://www.HeritageMemo)

rialChapel.com to share a memory or leave a condolence. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel East Wenatchee and Cashmere.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Yesterday, I learned from a new service guy that Mike had passed away. My sympathy to your family, "what a guy." I always enjoyed it when Mike checked our chemicals in the kitchen. We always talked about God, wife, children, and singing in the choir. During COVID, things changed in the service dept, and we did not get to see Mike after that. He was such a joyful, kind guy and a twinkle in his eye. See you in Heaven Someday!

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**Janette Root** - May 15, 2024 at 10:50 AM

LD

“ We met Mike and Deanna at Leavenworth golf course. He was friendly and kind. He really lit up with a sparkle in his eye when he shared with us about his Santa Clause role and Deanna being Mrs Clause. We were sitting outside on the deck of the golf course visiting with them last summer or fall and all of a sudden Mike pulled a candy cane from out of his pocket and handed it to me, I was astonished while he smiled big and radiated with joy.  
Lisa and Jim Drummond

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**Lisa and Jim Drummond Drummond** - September 30, 2023 at 09:51 AM

PC

“ About 2 summers ago on the deck of Leavenworth Golf course many gathered for a usual post round libation. Mr Claus was happily sharing he and Mrs. Claus' plans for the upcoming Christmas. His white beard already in fine shape. We never had the privilege of meeting Santa but saw some great pics that day♥♥ Pam and Bill Cronrath

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**Pam and Bill Cronrath** - September 23, 2023 at 10:56 AM

DD

“ I always enjoyed when Mike came into the kitchen to check our chemicals. We always talked about life and how we were doing, anything special going on, golf and various other things. I will truly miss Mike and will look back fondly at our conversations and his wonderful laugh. I am very sorry for your loss and Mike will be missed.

Duane

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**Duane Duncan** - September 11, 2023 at 07:52 PM

SH

“ My sweet condolences to the family. Mike was a good friend having known him from school to present time. He always thought positive about life. Friends who really knew him also knew his generosity to others. I feel very blessed to have had the conversations in life when ever I saw him. May God wrap you in his arms as you receive his comfort and peace. Blessings, Sandy Reynolds Hawkes

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**Sandy Hawkes** - September 09, 2023 at 10:56 AM

LG

“ We lived next to Michael and Deanne for a few years and loved chatting with the two of them. Michael always had a smile and a good sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

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**Len Geren** - September 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM

MH

“ Mike "Crash" was a once in a lifetime acquaintance. The pride in his eyes when he talked about his wife was special. When I informed my daughter about his passing she said that they were always so nice to her.

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**MARK HARLE** - September 02, 2023 at 02:31 PM