



Michael M. Brown

February 10, 1964 - October 23, 2024

Michael M. Brown, beloved father, brother, and friend, passed away at his home in Ferndale, WA on October 23, 2024, at the age of 60. Michael was born on February 10, 1964, in The Dalles, Oregon.

Michael was known for his love and dedication to his daughters, Courtney Tovar and Collette Brown. He was a proud father, who loved more than anything time spent with family. Some of his family's fondest memories include vacations to Lake Tahoe and Hawaii, Sunday dinners, game nights and going out to Chihuahua and Leader Block. Courtney remembers attending a Hillary Duff concert and a WWE Raw event, and her dad and Collette making fun of the way she pronounced meringue (mer-in-goo). Collette remembers her dad proudly grabbing her first homerun baseball and saving it in the attic for years.

An avid fan of sports, Michael's favorite teams were the Oregon Ducks, Duke basketball and of course the Mariners. In addition, Michael was also an avid golfer, achieving a hole-in-one during a tournament in Hawaii.

He was a gifted woodworker, held his Masters in IT, and was a master of all trades. His family describes him as hilarious, determined, loving, caring, hard-working, ambitious, and very proud of his service in the U.S. Navy.

He was a nerd who loved video games, his favorite being Diablo, and fantasy

novels, especially Lord of the Rings, introducing new tools for Collette's big imagination. He LOVED taking care of his lawn, and often received the Yard of the Month award in Hawaii.

As Courtney beautifully recalls: My dad was truly an amazing, hilarious and caring man. He loved everyone and he welcomed everyone with open arms. I loved bringing people to my dad's house for delicious home cooked meals and fun game nights. He is a true to form military man and took so much pride in his years of service in the Navy. My dad was incredibly smart and always encouraged me to be my absolute best. No matter what time, day or night, my dad was always there for me. My dad was a great listener and always had great advice. I'm going to miss watching sports with him and rooting for the ducks or Duke basketball with him by my side. I'm going to miss his spaghetti and his end of meal saying, "Thanks girls" and my sister and I complete the sentence, "For cleaning up". Sure, it was annoying, but I would do anything to finish that sentence one last time. My dad will be so missed by so many people. He was wonderful and I can't emphasize enough how much I loved him. I love you, dad.

He is survived by his daughters, Courtney Tovar and Collette Brown; his son-in-law, Fernando Tovar; his brother, Bill McBurney; and his nieces, Jessica and Julia McBurney.

A Celebration of Life for Michael will be held on November 16, from 2-5 p.m. at 4025 Kickerville Lane, Ferndale, WA 98248.

We will always remember how you made us laugh, how hard you worked, and the love you gave us all.

Tribute Wall

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“ Remembering Mike is thinking back on so many memories from my childhood with my best friend, at my second home, with my second family. Courtney, his daughter, and I lived practically in the same neighborhood and grew up together. Mike was there to witness us through our embarrassing pre-teen years to adulthood. I will always remember coming over to their home: an open door for friends, filled with hard rock cafe memorabilia, smelling of home cooked meals or the grill going a la Chef Mike, the TV on in the living room w/ loud cheers (or curse words) for his favorite teams (Oregon Ducks & Duke), and the smell of fresh cut grass & the garden in the backyard that he tended to. I will never forget all the car rides in his super cool, cherry-smelling, big red truck – because he inevitably ended up having to take us to lots of social/sporting events, dinners, dances- all to make us happy and always telling us girls to “be good and have fun”. Mike was always entertaining, making us laugh, and wanted us to have fun and go on adventures – he would take us to the lake and on his boat, tell us stories of his navy days, and even threw us in their hot tub as a joke. One of my favorite memories I have of both Mike & Court is a father/daughter camping trip we took to Lake Chelan one summer. Mike was always there for us growing up, was such a funny and caring man who could light up a room, and was someone who truly loved his daughters. We will always remember and miss him dearly.

Tiffany Le - November 14, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mike Brown was a very proud man. He had a proud and fulfilling career in the US Navy. Earning our respect in devotion to our country. His first career made the tough transition to civilian life and work an uneasy one. After some changes that took place , Mike and my relationship suffered. After a couple years, we agreed to thaw disagreement a couple a years before his passing. After the separation of my sister Stephanie and Mike, there was a few years of not much contact. He was a proud and loving son-in -law to Bob and Carole Inge, as well as uncle to Marcus Inge and Victoria Inge Synder. His heart was big and full for family. Lastly he was overwhelmed with pride and affection for his beautiful daughters Courtney and Collette. He expected a lot from his girls but adored them to the end . His time was cut too short. R.I.P.Michael Brown

John Inge - November 10, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mike was such a fun, and caring dad to all of Courtney’s friends. The first time I met him, he chased me, Courtney, Tiff, and Arielle around the house and threw us all in the hot tub, one by one. The day ended with us all soaking our phones in rice since they went into the hot tub with us while Mike made us a delicious dinner. He was always welcoming, warm, and loving. Your memories will last forever, you were so loved and will be so missed.

Sarah Tole - November 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ When I think of Mike I think back to all the basketball practices and softball practices/games he came to. Even when my dad couldn't make it because of work Mike was always there to help not only coach and cheer for his girls, but for every single girl on our teams over the years. When I looked at Mike and his girls I saw so many similarities with my own dad and I never felt alone because we always had the team dad there to not only help us train for our goals, but he was there to witness when we accomplished our goals too.

Emily Brooks - November 06, 2024 at 12:00 AM