



## Michael Jonathan Russell

April 20, 1965 - June 13, 2022

Michael J. Russell joined our father in heaven on June 13th, 2022. He was 57 years young. He was born in Abbotsford, BC and moved to Blaine, WA when he was 2 years old. Mike grew up in Blaine and started building houses with his dad Gordon Russell, when he was 14. They had a business called 3R Construction, that he was very proud of.

In recent years, he worked for Whatcom & Skagit Housing, which was his favorite job. He loved his job and making a difference in people's lives.

Mike was a loving husband, father, grandpa, and friend. He was married to Cheri Russell for 38 years, but together for 40. They were high school sweethearts. With their love for one another, they had 2 kids, a son, Joshua Russell, and a daughter, Michelle Russell. Josh married his wife Jasmine, and they have 4 children, Hazel, Joshua Jr., April, Gordon, and one on the way. Michelle married Tyler Kirner, together they have 2 children, Scarlet and William. Who knew that their love would bring so much joy to the world? Mike will be remembered for all the love and kindness that he gave unconditionally and for all the wisdom and laughter he shared with everyone he met. He was the rock for his whole family and the glue that held them altogether.

He is survived by the love of his life Cheri, their two kids Josh and Michelle, his nieces and nephews who he loved with all his heart, his sister Sharon, and

his brothers Patrick, Sean, and Ted. The world lost a good man, but heaven gained an angel and a true believer in the lord. He will be truly and deeply missed, but impossible to forget.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Mike like yesterday. He was a kinda guy you always wanted around. We were friends that lived right down the street from eachother . Pretending that the large propane tank was sort of horse to ride. He had the biggest heart from the day I knew him until I left school in the 8th grade. We lost touch then. I knew his dad . What a great guy and I knew mike would be just like him. His mother was the sweetest lady you would know. Pat I also have fond memories of. Sharon I remember as well. Lets just say the Russell family were my favorite people in the world back then. Im so sorry he is gone. So sorry. Oh yes He loved the Beach Boys back then. I only hope you are all doing well.

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**Lisa Easter (Ginter)** - September 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the honor of meeting Mike through Whatcom Skagit Housing. I was a home builder and we were the first group he took on solo. Man was he great. Funny. Patient. Understanding. He was a really great leader and helped us all as we struggled through how to properly use a measuring tape. He loved to tell jokes and had some really great ones! I am honored that I had the chance to know him, work with him and learn from him. I know he will be truly missed by many. My condolences to his family and friends.

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**Amy Witt** - June 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mike Russell was one of the toughest dudes I knew growing up. He was in our class until 9th grade at Blaine High, but must have transferred and I lost track of him after that. He was a really good baseball player and owned the catchers box.

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**Mark Keown** - June 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM