

Michael James McAuliffe

Michael James McAuliffe was born December 6, 1942, in California. He was the son of James and Ella (Henderson) McAuliffe. Mike or "Mac" would follow in his father's footsteps; Mac would serve as a US Marine for 23 years doing 3 tours in Vietnam. Mac was a highly decorated Master Sergeant awarded not only the Purple Heart, but also the Silver Star for combat bravery.

He married his bride, Betty (nee Zahornacky), in 1963. The couple went on to have two children by whom he is survived: Regina Stetter (nee McAuliffe) of WY; and James McAuliffe (Cindi) of SD.

The Harley enthusiast, tremendous bowler, and software engineer. Mac fell in love with the Black Hills, moving in 1991, to the last home he would ever own in Sturgis. His children gave him three grandkids each, Regina, giving him, Chantale (Ryan) Morgenstern, Michael Ickes, and Julie (Jarrod) Morgan. His son, James gave him, Kelly Eastman, Frankie Rowe, Jamie McAuliffe, and Christian Mueller. Though he and his bride were separated, Mac never remarried; he was known to always support his bride and his large family. His grandkids went on to bless him with eleven great-grandchildren, Aubrie, Wyatt, Cody, Elijah, Landon Daniel, Finnley, Amelia, Hayden, Landon Joseph, Logan, and Allie.

On August 30, 2021, Mac passed away privately as were his wishes, giving his love to his children with dignity and quiet strength at Fort Meade Veterans Hospital.

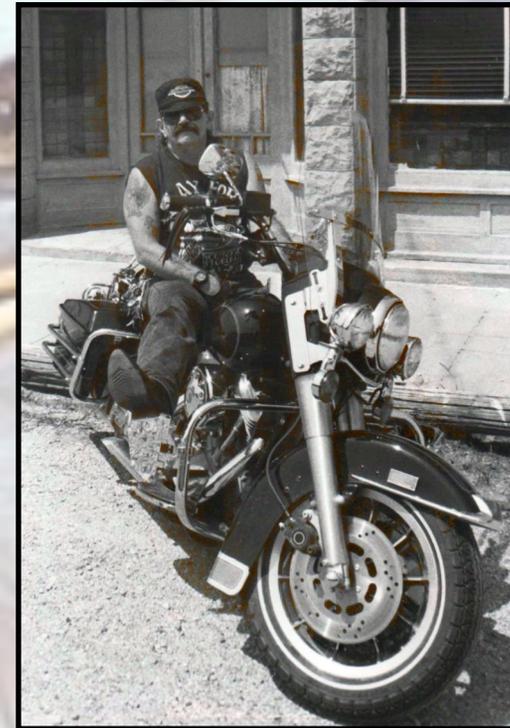
He is survived by his children; grandchildren; great grandchildren; his beloved brother, Daniel McAuliffe, of Washington State; and his loyal companion, O'Malley; and his lifelong friend and companion, Renee LeBoeuf.

Mac was preceded in death by his parents: James and Ella McAuliffe.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

*The family would like to invite you to join the for fellowship and lunch
at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the committal service.*

We thank you for your presence and condolences



In Loving Memory Of

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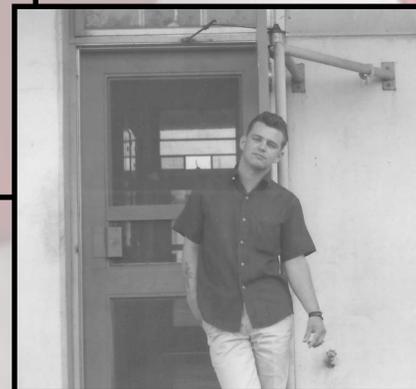
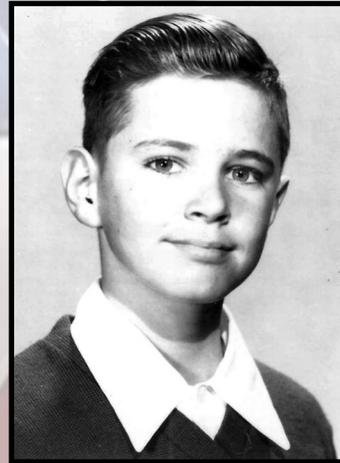
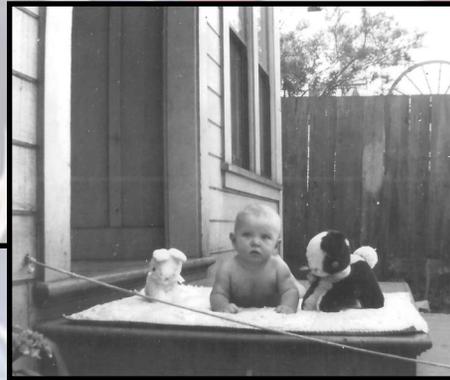
August 30, 2021
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Committal Service

Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
Marine Honor Guard
Legion Riders



Miss Me – But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little – but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the Love that we once shared
Miss Me – But let Me Go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
And a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me – But Let Me Go