



Michael Stephan Pirtle, age 66, passed away on Monday, July 2, 2018 in San Antonio, TX as a result of a June 2, 2018 motorcycle accident in Raymondville, TX.

Mike was born in San Antonio, Texas on January 18, 1952 to Emmett and Bobby (Atkinson) Pirtle. Mike graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1971 & immediately went to work for the Texas Department of Transportation. Mike served in the U.S. Army (during the Vietnam War) from 1972 to 1974. He retired from the Texas Department of Transportation in August 2007 after 36 years of service. He was currently employed by Charles Haymore, Attorneys At Law, L.P. He deeply loved working with Aimee, Rachele & Amanda.

He was so humbled and honored to be a huge part of the B.A.C.A (Bikers Against Child Abuse) family for the past 9 years. He currently served as President of the San Antonio local chapter. His adopted road name was Turtle. His B.A.C.A children were his life and passion; he made such a difference in each child's life. At the time of his accident he was in Harlingen, TX adopting a child into the B.A.C.A family. He was heading home when his tire blew. Thank you B.A.C.A sister, Thunder Cat, for saving Mike's life. Thank you BACA brothers & sisters in Harlingen, Corpus Christi, Houston & San Antonio, for taking care of us while in Harlingen, for the 3 weeks Mike was in ICU. We appreciate everyone's love, compassion & support.

He left his family and many friends with so many amazing memories and special moments; a true gift. His creativity and kindness was expressed in all he did, working with or leading others, fixing and building many projects and creating a sense of love and safety for his family. He was caring and selfless, always able to help a friend with a listening ear and heart.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Denise, daughters, Stephanie Pirtle, Rebecca Eller, (Brandon Eller), son Luke Pirtle (Stacey Pirtle) as well as his sister-in-law and best friend, Karen Dotterman. He is also survived many relatives near & far. Mike was gently called "Papa" by his sweet and loving grandchildren: Hailey, Savannah, Liam, Pierce, Addison, Ava, Isla and Zuri. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Bobby Pirtle and his sister, Melissa Pirtle. Mike was a dedicated family man who lived for his children and grandchildren. Mike and Denise met in high school in the fall of 1970 at Handy Andy, where we both worked after school.

Visitation will be at Blessed Sacrament Church (600 Oblate, San Antonio) on Wednesday July 11, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm with a rosary at 7pm. The Chapel Service will begin Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 10am at Blessed Sacrament Church following the reception at 11:00am. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery at 2:30pm with full Military Honors. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of Funeral Caring, USA.

Pallbearers: B.A.C.A chapter of San Antonio:

Brandon Eller

Tiger

Knotthead

Minion

Bear

Pecos Bill

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to B.A.C.A. of San Antonio in memory of Mike Pirtle.

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