



Michael Paul Tinney  
March 17, 1943-Sept 7, 2021

Retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel Michael Paul Tinney went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Michael was born in Galveston Texas to George Harrison and Pauline Tharp Tinney. Mike grew up running around Galveston Island and always recalled his childhood with great fondness. He made friends everywhere he went and it was always said that he never met a stranger. In his youth, he loved baseball and was an accomplished pitcher. Mike pitched on multiple club teams, on his Highschool team and while he played college ball at Sam Houston State University. Michael graduated from Ball High in Galveston in 1961, earned his BS in Math and secondary teachers certification from Sam Houston State in 1967.

Michael met the love of his life, his beautiful bride, Sheryl Louise Sheppard and married on April 2, 1967. He joined the Air Force and continued training at the Air Force Institute of Technology, completing his BS in Electrical Engineering in 1973 and a Masters in Education from Pepperdine University in 1976. Michael served the United States Air Force in active duty and as a GS-14 civilian for over 35 years.

Michael was highly motivated with a passion for serving others. He was kind and compassionate always putting others needs before his own. He was a rock for his wife and family and an amazing example of unconditional love. Michael loved every moment spent with family and friends. He treasured friendships through work and enjoyed serving through Meals On Wheels, the golf cart ministry at church, and helping others in any capacity. He enjoyed helping pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child alongside his grandchildren. Michael's heart was big and full of compassion for others. On multiple occasions he stopped to help the homeless and would even follow up to make sure they were getting the help they needed. As a believer in the Lord Jesus, Michael was a role model to his children and grandchildren and always encouraged them to the love and power of Jesus Christ.

Affectionately known as Poppie to his grandchildren, Michael adored his children and grandchildren and always made time for them. He was actively involved in their lives and would tutor them in math, play endless board and card games and teach them the finer points of poker and chess. He was at every activity possible celebrating with them and enjoyed long talks and video chats with the grandchildren. He took them for ice cream and special dinners, to the zoo, the pool, the river-everywhere. His world revolved around each of his grandchildren.

Michael cared for his wife like no other. He was her champion, best friend, lover and protector. He would lay down his life for her and when they both became ill with Covid, that is exactly what he did. He refused to be treated until she was taken care of. His selfless and final act of love saved her life and he will be remembered as her hero in the hearts of all who loved him.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, George Harrison and Pauline Tharp Tinney, brother Eugene H. Tinney, and sister Georgia L. Williamson.

Michael is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Sheryl L. Tinney, their children, Sean E. Tinney (Marla Tinney), Audrey D. Walker (Daniel Walker), Ryan M. Tinney (Andrea Tinney). Grandchildren, Celeste Tinney, Mikelle Walker, Anika Tinney, Harrison Walker, and Georgia (GiGi) Tinney his brother Meredith S. Tinney and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Michael, was set apart from the world-he was a believer in Christ Jesus and his primary identity and allegiance was in Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God. Michael believed in Christ's death on the cross for his salvation and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He openly shared this faith with his friends and family and the knowledge of his deep faith gives us all comfort and peace knowing we will see him again.

Till' Next Time, Poppie!

Funeral Services will be held at Funeral Caring USA located inside of Alamo City Church 6500 IH 35 N San Antonio, Texas 78218 on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Interment services will be held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery 1520 Harry Wurzbach San Antonio, Texas 78209 at 1:30 p.m.

