



Michael E. "Mike" Irwin

July 29, 1949 - March 5, 2021

Michael E. "Mike" Irwin, 71, of Bloomington, IN passed away on Friday morning March 5, 2021 at the Hearthstone Health Campus with his loving wife by his side.

Mike was born in Manistique, Michigan on July 29, 1949 to Frank Lamoor and Mildred Rowena (Holt) Irwin. He was a 1967 graduate of Rudyard High School in Rudyard, Michigan. He was proud to be a US Navy Veteran serving 20 years from 1968 to 1988. Mike then went to work for NSWC Crane Naval Base and also for various NSWC Crane Support Contractors (TPS Associates, RAYDAR and SAIC) for 30 years retiring in 2019.

Mike married Sara Jordahl LaMar on February 3, 1991 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He loved his wife and family, the Navy and his home state of Michigan. Mike enjoyed investing and real estate. He liked to golf, was an archer growing up and an avid bowler while in the Navy. He loved football, NASCAR, telling stories about growing up in Michigan and his time in the Navy. He took immense pride in his family and serving his country and was a caring and giving friend. Mike will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Mike is survived by his wife, Sara, of Bloomington; his children, Mitchell (Anne) Irwin of Everett, WA; Justin LaMar of Unionville; 2 granddaughters, Emily Irwin and Jamie Irwin; one sister, Mia (Bill) Wheeler of Marshall, MI;

three brothers, Mitch (Jen) Irwin of Ann Arbor, MI; Millard Irwin of Kincheloe, MI; Maury (Angie) Irwin of Beaverton, MI; one sister-in-law, Linda Irwin of South Haven, MI; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Malcolm Irwin.

A military service will be held at 12:00pm Saturday March 20, 2021 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington. With a memorial gathering from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the funeral home. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

A graveside service With Military Honors will be held at 1:00pm Saturday May 29, 2021 at the Oaklawn Chapel Garden Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

In lieu of flower memorial contribution may be made to the US Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society or Lewy Body Dementia Association.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at

www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Military Service

MAR 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Celebration of Life Gathering

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Tribute Wall

PL

“ *Patty, Crissy, and Liam purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.*



Patty, Crissy, and Liam - March 19, 2021 at 12:47 PM

KS

“ *Ken & Karen Simundson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.*



Ken & Karen Simundson - March 19, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.*



March 19, 2021 at 08:40 AM

KS

“ Sara,

*I do not see the comments from the past SEPO's so I will add them;
All,*

It is very sad news and a great loss. The end of an era, and agree with the good words all of you have said about him. He was so full of life and energy and purpose it's hard to believe he's gone (long sigh).

*v/r
Tom*

*Tom Harder
Acquisition Support Branch
NAWCAD Lakehurst*

i am very sorry to hear that. Mike was quite a character that will always be remembered for his expertise and dedication to the EA-6B/AEA Program. He will be missed.

R/

*Michael J. Copley
President
TPS Associates, Inc.*

*Sara,
I am sorry to hear about Mike. May he rest in peace.*

*Greg Wesley
SE Engineering Lead
ALQ-99/AEA
NAVAIR - Lakehurst NJ*

*All,
Very sad. Mike was a true friend, super knowledgeable, and one of the most dedicated professionals I have ever worked with. I will*

miss him.

Gerry Mollo

*Head, Mission Operations & Integration Department
Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst, NJ*

Ken,

Truly sad news. I had heard he was having some health issues about a year ago. Mike was one of the most unique and memorable people I've ever worked with.

Tom O'Leary

F/A-18 & EA-18G Support Equipment Lead

KENNETH E SIMUNDSON - March 18, 2021 at 03:54 PM

SI

Ken thank you for sharing everyone's kind words. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 18, 2021 at 08:37 PM

CC

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Sara,

So sorry for your loss. Mike will be missed by all. Apologize for not being able to be there on Saturday. I miss his phone calls already.

Chris

Christopher Conley - March 18, 2021 at 01:55 PM

SI

Thanks Chris. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 18, 2021 at 08:34 PM

TF

“ *The Conley Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.*



The Conley Family - March 18, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.*



March 17, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.*



March 16, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.*



March 14, 2021 at 10:18 PM

BL

“ Sara my deepest sympathy for your loss. Mike was a good man, good friend, good hearted and honest as the days are long. He was rough on the outside but a marshmallow on the inside of course you know all these things. I know he loved you dearly.
On the eighth day God created the Navy Chief and the Devil stood at attention and rendered a hand salute.
If there was ever a Senior Chief who deserved the sound of the bosun pipe and crisp hand salute it was Senior Chief Mike Irwin. Mike never forgot the lowly sailor and they were always his priority. Fair winds and following seas shipmate and friend.

Bob Livingston - March 14, 2021 at 12:35 PM

SI

You have been a great friend & co-worker to both of us over the years. Your most recent efforts to let Mike know that he was in your thoughts have been priceless. And Mike sure would have liked being remembered for having his priorities right. Thank you so much Bob.
Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 08:10 PM

GP

“ Sara, we are so sorry for your loss. Mike will be missed more than most people realize. His contributions to the Country are limitless, his contributions to individual such as myself are timeless.

Gene

Gene Pirozek - March 13, 2021 at 10:16 AM

SI

Thank you Gene. I am sure that Mike would have liked to have had one more rousing discussion with you about EA-6B or EA-18G support equipment. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 14, 2021 at 11:10 PM

John Bjorge

“ Mike and I were stationed together at NAMTGD 1001, NAS Whidbey Island, Washington in the "Back Wing". After leaving NAMTGD we were both attached to VAQ-132 and deployed on the USS Dwight D Eisenhower. We worked together in the EA-6B Vans, Mike was the Supervisor and I was his Day Shift Supervisor. He was a very dedicated man to the Navy and made us all proud to be part of his crew.
Fair winds and following seas my old friend.



John Bjorge - March 13, 2021 at 10:10 AM

SI

Thank you John for the kind words and memories. Mike would have loved that. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:30 PM

SI

John, Thank you for your kind words and sharing these memories of your time with Mike. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 18, 2021 at 07:51 AM

TF

“ The Pirozek Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael E. "Mike" Irwin.



The Pirozek Family - March 13, 2021 at 10:06 AM

SD

“ Sara,
My condolences on Mike's passing. I'm thankful to have known you both as coworkers, friends, and in Mike's case, a fellow Chief and shipmate. How blessed you were to share 30 years together.

STEVEN DAVENPORT - March 11, 2021 at 05:44 PM

SI

You are right. I have been blessed to have Mike in my life. Thanks for being a great coworker, friend and in Mike's case fellow Chief and shipmate. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:27 PM

SI

Yes. You are right. I have been blessed to have had shared 30 years with Mike. Thank you for being a coworker, friend and in Mike's case fellow chief and shipmate with Mike. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 18, 2021 at 07:55 AM

HD

“ Sara,
*What a champion of a man you shared your life with; God bless and keep you.
I met Mike at Lakehurst in 1996 and it only took 20 more years to convince him to come to work with us at Raydar, yes I wanted him on our team that badly. Brilliant mind, loyal friend, committed patriot; none better. Fair winds, following seas Master Chief.
Ray D.*

Harold Ray Darnell - March 10, 2021 at 09:37 PM

SI

Thank you Ray. You are correct...I have been blessed to share my life with Mike. He really enjoyed working with you, DD and the others at Raydar very much. Your kind words are very much appreciated. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:24 PM

SI

Ray, You are correct that I was blessed to have shared my life with Mike. Mike loved working with you, DD, and the other folks at Raydar. Thank you for the kind words. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 18, 2021 at 07:47 AM

PK

“*Sarah and family, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I know your pain and pray that God will bless you with good memories of your times together and a peace that passes understanding.*

Pam Kinser



Pam Kinser - March 10, 2021 at 03:45 PM

SI

My Dear Pam, Thank you for being such a good friend over the last year. We shared a lot. I know that you are walking this same path. I appreciate your prayers and wise counsel. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:21 PM

SI

Dear Pam, You have been such a wonderful friend this past year. I know that you are on this same journey. Your kind words and good counsel are so much appreciated. Thank you for your prayers. My prayers are with you too. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 18, 2021 at 07:43 AM

SI

Dear Pam, Your friendship this past year has meant so much to me. I know that you are navigating this same journey. Your kind words and counsel mean so much. Thank you for your prayers. You are in my prayers too. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 18, 2021 at 07:49 AM

DC

“ *Deepest sympathy to Sara and to Mike's children. I was always impressed by his knowledge and passion.*

David Croft - March 09, 2021 at 11:07 AM

SI

Thank you Dave for the kind words. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:15 PM

DD

“ *I will dearly miss his show room visits and stories that he told. So sorry for your loss!*
Dave Dove

dave dove - March 09, 2021 at 08:53 AM

SI

One of Mike's happiest places was at the show room visiting with you all. You had a life long friend in Mike. He knew you would be there for him too. Thanks for being there. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:14 PM

SS

“ *Our sympathy to Mitch and Mia on the loss of your brother. We look forward to the promise of the resurrection of those we love and have lost in death. Sincerely, Margi (Malaski) and Steve Stutz*

Steve Stutz - March 09, 2021 at 08:45 AM

KB

“ Mike was a great man who cared for many. He always did everything to the fullest.
At Halloween he even gave out full sized candy bars not just the bite sized ones! Just as how he lived his life! Large!
I never tried to talk politics with him even though he knew we didn't have all the same opinions. He always respected our differences and left with a smile. He will will surly be missed by many.

Kate Butcher - March 09, 2021 at 06:07 AM

SI

Kate, You are right. Mike loved Halloween and seeing the kids leave the house so happy. It was his gig and he did it well. You were such a good friend over the years to Mike and he appreciated it very much. Thank you for the kind words. Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:11 PM

PM

“ Sara,
So sorry to hear of your loss. Mike was a great guy.

Phil Morris

Phil Morris - March 08, 2021 at 09:51 PM

LI

“ I always loved picking on Mike about being his "favorite sister in law"! I shall miss his yellow shirts, being one of the three traveling musketeers and his Navy stories.

Linda Irwin - March 08, 2021 at 08:58 PM

SI

Mike loved it when we traveled with you and Manny. Some of his happiest times (mine too) were with you both. Thanks for all the wonderful memories that will last a life time. Love you! Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 04:01 PM

PS

“ *Sara. Memories!! What great times we all had. I will never forget all his stories he told about his life growing up, military and all the things he did in his life. His laugh was contagious. Bob Evans has lost money since he stopped going. What fun we had their. Mashed potatoes and 4 or 5 scoops of ice cream please 😊. Hugs... Love to you and all the family.*



Penny Smiddie - March 08, 2021 at 06:07 PM

SI

Dear Penny, Mike loved it when you went to dinner with us. You were a very special friend to him. Thanks for all the memories and smiles and happy times. Love You! Sara

Sara Irwin - March 16, 2021 at 03:55 PM