



## Michael "Mike" D Carey

April 10, 1945 - September 4, 2020

Michael Dennis Carey peacefully passed away on Sept. 4, 2020 surrounded by his children. Mike was born on April 10, 1945 to Art and Louella (Weeks) Carey and was the youngest of seven children. He was born and raised, lived and died at the family homestead in Medicine Valley.

Mike attended White Swan High School where he excelled in sports and was very active in FFA and student government. After graduating in 1963, he married his high school sweetheart, Tina Waarvick. He and Tina moved to Reno, NV where Mike worked for his brother Ed in construction and learned to operate heavy equipment. A few years later they returned to the valley they loved and Mike began working for Webb Logging. Two years after that he started his 30-year career with the Yakima County Solid Waste Department. When he retired he moved back into the family homestead in Medicine Valley and raised cattle.

Mike and Tina had three children—Douglas, Susan, and David. All three of them lived in the valley and always loved helping their dad. He was an amazing example of a father. Mike worked incredibly hard but always found time for those around him. He was very involved in the community and was very generous with his time and money supporting things like the library, FFA, and the livestock show. Every year his softer side came out as he bought lots of flowers from the FFA plant sale that he spent days planting around his place. He spent countless hours on his backhoe helping wherever needed digging things like ditches, even graves, and helping with White Swan clean-

up day. Mike was a volunteer fireman for years risking his life for others knowing that he would want someone to do the same for his family. He was his grandchildren's' biggest fan always attending their sporting events, helping with their animals, and supporting them however he could. Mike loved fishing, camping, Back Country Horsemen, traveling...but most of all he loved spending time with people. Whoever stopped by took a front row seat and he dropped whatever he was doing to spend time with them.

He his survived by his three children Douglas (Denise) Carey, Susan Botkin, and David Carey, nine grandchildren, four great grandchildren, sister Evelyn Petty, brother Tom Carey, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was proceeded in death by this parents Art and Louella Carey, his sisters Mary Carey and Nadine McLavey, and brothers Ed Carey and Dan Carey.

Mike will be missed tremendously by his family and friends. There will be a graveside service at Wapato Cemetery on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 1:00pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Reservation Community Memorial Park

West Wapato Road 5 miles west of Wapato  
Wapato, WA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **15**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" D Carey*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Tony & Carol Holcomb purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" D Carey.*



**Tony & Carol Holcomb** - September 13, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Cindy Allen lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" D Carey*



**Cindy Allen** - September 13, 2020 at 06:05 PM



*I had a lot of fun when I was able to go visit Mike's niece Shannon When I there and witness to calf branding and then the pot luck and for the 4th of July about 2 1/2 or 3 years ago. I rode over with Dan both times had a blast. Wish I could be there, but I am there in Spirit*

**Cindy Allen** - September 13, 2020 at 06:15 PM

LM

“ I will never forget the first time I met Mike Carey! Mike’s older brother Tom worked for us, and brought a “not-feeling-good-with-an-earache” three year old to our home as he came to work one morning. When I walked in, there was a small person lying on our couch, restlessly asleep, flushed, and heartbreakingly innocent-looking! I’d heard that these boys’ Mom had died when Mike was very small, and I instantly felt, at age 8, so protective of him as he slept that I was flooded with protective instincts I didn’t know I possessed! The Carey family became good friends, and our Richardson childhoods are crowded with memories of fresh peach homemade ice cream at the Careys’ place, raucous games of “Spoons” around the table with one fewer spoons than players, and lots of horseback riding. RIP, Dear Mike. You were a great Friend!!

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**Lynn Richardson McGlocklin** - September 13, 2020 at 03:48 PM

ML

“ From a former W.S. classmate: Alan Luke. So many good memories of our school days.....Sincere condolences to the Family left behind. Mike was a true friend.

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**Marlene Lopez** - September 12, 2020 at 11:56 PM

ER

“ Mike has been a dear friend for nearly as long as I can remember. He came to our house with his older brother Tom, who was doing some work with my dad on our farm. He might have been just 4 years old. From that time on, my family welcomed Mike into our home as often as his family would allow. He was as close to having a brother as my sisters and I could ever have! I have endless stories and memories which include Mike, and it has been a joy in our adult lives to continue the lifelong friendship with the man who grew up to be such a generous, helpful, and loving soul. Mike was a gift to the world.

*With love to Mike's family,  
Eloise Richardson*

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**Eloise Richardson** - September 12, 2020 at 02:32 PM

KA

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Mike was a wonderful man. So many summer memories spending with him and his family. I will always cherish those! Prayers to the Carey Family during this difficult time. Kailani



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**Kailani** - September 12, 2020 at 01:56 PM

SW

“ Shasta Olney Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" D Carey



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**Shasta Olney Watlamet** - September 08, 2020 at 10:28 AM

PR

“ Patricia Ross lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" D Carey



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Patricia Ross - September 07, 2020 at 11:05 PM

PR

So sorry for your lose to the family of Mike,he was a great guys from Don and Patty Ross

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Patricia Ross - September 07, 2020 at 11:06 PM

RS

“ Robin Sylling lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" D Carey



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Robin Sylling - September 07, 2020 at 02:08 AM

JL

“ Our hearts are broken for a special person Mike.... He was a beacon of lite. Our thoughts are with the family.. He will never be forgotten.

Joanne Lundberg /Jim Walker



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Joanne Lundberg - September 05, 2020 at 11:11 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Sanchey lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" D Carey*



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**Peggy Sanchey** - September 05, 2020 at 12:52 PM

SS

“ *Shay-Anne Spencer lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" D Carey*



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**Shay-Anne Spencer** - September 05, 2020 at 12:46 AM

SY

“ *I miss you so much Uncle Mike. You have been an amazing Uncle and I am so grateful for you. I know you are not in pain anymore and you are with my papa now. RIP*



*Love you!*

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**Stephanie Yates** - September 04, 2020 at 08:25 AM