

Michael E Staggs

CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR  
MICHAEL E. STAGGS

1941-2006

PRESENTED BY:  
TIM STAGGS, BROTHER  
&  
BORAH CLASSMATES  
CLASS OF 1959  
59ER'S

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Mike, 65, passed away on 10/15/06 from complications due to cancer. Mike was born and raised in Boise and was a member of the first graduating class of Borah High School 1959. He attended BJC where he played center for one of the famous single-wing teams of coach Lyle Smith. After college, Mike served a short stint in the Marines then transferred to the Army to go to flight school. He flew both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft and served two tours of duty in Vietnam where he was highly decorated as a gunship pilot. When he returned to the States he served as a helicopter instructor at Fort Walters, TX. Upon leaving the Army, Mike moved to Anchorage, AK where he met and married his wife Linda on July 25, 1981. While in Alaska, he flew helicopters for several companies from Prudue Bay to the Aleutian Islands. When he retired from flying, Mike owned and operated a trucking company in Alaska hauling snow in the winter and working road construction in the summer. Mike loved to duck hunt and enjoyed fishing. He once bagged a Moose while in Alaska, the subject of a good hunting story. Mike's greatest love was singing and playing guitar. In the early days you could find him performing folk music at local pizza parlors and later at Charlie Browns. While in Vietnam he helped form and played with a trio called "The Merryman", entertaining fellow soldiers when they weren't flying. He also performed at several places around the country where his military career took him and in Alaska with his band "Free Spirit". Many an hour was spent singing songs at the Staggs household entertaining family and friends. Mike was a great cook and loved to entertain friends with his specialties. Mike is survived by his wife Linda, two step-sons Craig and Luke, three grandchildren, Craig Jr., Ashtyn and Logan, a brother and sister-in-law Tim and Peggy and a nephew Nick and a niece Jaimee

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