

Michael “Coach” Furness

April 18, 1944 ~ April 24, 2024

Mike was such a great guy ihe taught me alot of always having a great attitude even if life was rough

- Tina sansing

Dear Furness family: I will always remember Michael's well balanced and meaningful focus. Never a harsh voice, but always a temperament of understanding and hope. He was and will continue to be an example we can all learn from in the most positive way. My wife and I are saddened by your loss but blessed by his good fight. God bless you. Larry Nielsen

- Larry Nielsen

I wouldn’t be the man I am today without Mike. He was my teacher, coach, role model, and friend. Coaches Furness, Jameson, and Crane all continue to be important in my life. There is no way luck would have made me the man, or coach, I am without their guiding hands and example. I am forever grateful for conversations about motorcycles, fishing, hunting, coaching, and kids. I will never forget taking Mike pheasant hunting with my dad and my dog, or fishing on the ice at deer creek and on the boat at lake Powell. One Easter break one year, I met Mike and Dick at lake Powell. We stayed a few days in Dick’s camper and fished. On Sunday morning we woke up to presents from the Easter bunny and a little egg hunt engineered by Mike! What an awesome man. Just one fun example from so many great memories.

- Robert Ostberg

COACH Furness was my coach at Eisenhower Jr. High school I was the first graduating class 1974 I remember him. Well, he's a great man, a great coach, my condolence s God speed.Coach ■ God-Bless you and thank you

- Glen Ricks

Coach Furness, you were incredible! Taught me and my sisters how to swim (we were afraid of water), you were all of my siblings PE teacher throughout Jr. high. Thank you for being who you were, a friend and mentor to all. -Layne Crabtree EJH -1988-2000

- Layne Crabtree

Mike was a member of the bishopric when we moved into his ward. He was always a good friend and a great example of charitable service. He could be tough, but it was always with love and concern for others. We were inspired by his work with the kids at school and with the special needs students. They all loved him. It was an honor to have known him and his family. He and Kathy will always have a place in our hearts.

- David and Codele Cutler

Dear Furness Family, I am so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. We were cousins that grew up in the early years as our fathers served in the military during the war. Aunt Irene and my Mother, Vernetta, stayed with Grandma Jones during those long months and Mike and I were just babies, learning to walk. We never lived close to our cousins, but we were always referred to as "the country cousins". It was fun to come up to Salt Lake to see our grandparents and cousins. Mike loved to hunt and so we did see him for the deer hunting season. The last time I saw Mike and Kathy was at Bear Lake. We were there with Aunt Vilate. Mike came riding up on his motorcycle. wish we had spent more time with them. Sending our love to all of you. Cousin, Relva Sonderegger Bowring

- Relva Bowring