

Michael Len Ross

August 13, 1946 ~ April 5, 2024

Michael Len Ross, 77, of West Jordan, Utah, (formerly of Chetopa, Kansas), was received into the loving arms of his Savior on April 5, 2024, his mother's birthday, following a long battle with COPD. He was born in Anadarko, Oklahoma on August 13, 1946.

With an exceptional sense of duty, Mike joined the USMC at the young age of 16 and celebrated his 18th birthday while serving 2 tours in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion 9th Marines as well as the 2nd Battalion 4th Marines. He loved his country and was proud to be a Marine.

Mike spent most of his life as a long haul truck driver for over 45 years, including an ice road trucker all over Alaska. He was a master welder while serving on the ship The Excellence Fishing and Processing Mothership of the Bering Sea which traveled to and from Japan and on Magone Marine, a barge, located in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. He was a real cowboy that rode bulls, could handle a rope, and was good with a gun.

When he wasn't on the road, he loved doing woodwork in the shop he built in Kansas. He could build anything you could imagine - a shed, a barn or a house from the ground up. He loved to shoot and clean his guns and spend time in the country, which is where he was most at peace.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and medical staff at George E. Wahlen VA Hospital for their incredible compassion and care. A special thank you to the hospice nurses, aides, staff and volunteers. You stepped up to the plate when we really needed you and we are eternally grateful. Also, a special thank you to family friend Matt Moran for the all nighters of sitting with daddy and providing the family with some much needed relief. We wouldn't have survived without you.

He is survived by 4 children, Michelle Lynn Ross Fox and husband Jeff of Bentonville, Arkansas, Kaysha Amber Ross Baker of West Valley, Utah, J. Keith Barron of Salem, Oregon, John Amador of West Jordan, Utah, and 1 niece, Kelly Marie Ross of Ward, Arkansas.

He is also survived by 7 grandchildren, Colten Michael Matthues, Kaitlin Anne 'Katie' Baker, Emma Lynn Fox, Ella Brook Fox, Lance Fredericks, Kassian 'Coco' Fredericks, Tyler Barron and 2 great-grandchildren Lance 'LJ' Fredericks and Bostyn Barron.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Carol Anne Beaumont Ross, and his second wife, Elizabeth Ann Thompson Ross, his parents Adrain Ross, and Roy & Freda Ross Payne, 2 brothers, Philip Bob Ross and Ronald Dean Ross and 1 grandson, Matthew Barron.

A father is a daughter's first love and forever HERO!!

A Visitation and Celebration of Life for family and friends will be held from 1-3PM on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at Larkin Mortuary-Riverton, located at 3688 West 12600 South, Riverton, Utah.