



Michael H. Smelser

February 25, 1955 - June 25, 2022

~ In Loving Memory ~

Michael Haynes Smelser passed peacefully on June 25, 2022. He was 67 years old. He is survived by his siblings David Smelser of Wilsonville, OR. Sandy (Charlie) Scherr, Duane Lorentz and Pamela Hess all of Vancouver, WA. As well as nieces and nephews.

Michael, the youngest of five was born on February 25, 1955 to David and Rosemary Smelser in Vancouver, WA where he resided most of his life. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mike's early years were met with adversity as he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. His family was devoted to caring for him and made several strides to help him through Shriners Hospital. He attended school for a couple of years in Kent, WA. He returned home and spent most of his adult years living in the DD community in supported living agencies in Clark, County close to home and family. An avid sports fan of all sports.

He attended Blazer games whenever possible. He collected many of his favorite teams hats and logo memorabilia including Seattle Mariners and Seahawks teams.

Mike never met a stranger, he was very caring to those he loved and considered a friend.

He will be missed by those who knew him, and there are many ~ he impacted the lives of us all. ~ Rest In Peace Michael ~

Our family wishes to thank all of you that were part of his life. A special thanks to Vancare, Inc. and the wonderful friends and staff that fulfilled his life. He loved his home.

Thank you to Ray Hickey Hospice for the care and kindness to Mike and our family.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" on Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 3 pm in The Chapel with Hospitality to follow at 4 pm.

Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel
1101 NE 112 Ave. Vancouver, WA 98684

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *What an insightful tribute Pam ~ you grew up with our family and knew how important Mike was to us. Thanks for caring and for walking beside me the many times that I needed you most my dear sweet friend* ❤️❤️❤️



Sandy Scherr - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *We had a wonderful childhood and Mike was in the center of it all. Many days were spent with our cousins ~ oh the memories we made and the stories we could tell ~ thanks for your kind words cuz* ❤️❤️❤️

Sandy Scherr - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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Thanks Rhonda



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“ He managed to find a way to soar in life despite his adversities ~ Thanks Cheryl ❤️



Sandy Scherr - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I did not have the opportunity to attend the celebration of life so I am using this means to convey my condolences and thoughts to your family. I had heard so much about Michael and about how much your family did to give Michael a rich, full life. And about his amazing sense of humor and positive attitude. I hope this does not come too late. Mark S.

Mark Soderburg - July 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ My heart goes out to all his family and friends. I didn't get to spend a lot of time with Michael but the little that I did was very enjoyable. Such a kind and caring person who always greeted me like I mattered. Heaven has gained an angel.

Rhonda Gibson - July 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Michael was born a very gifted person. He was gifted at smiling through every adversity in his life. He was gifted in making every person he met feel included and never left out. Each person worthy of knowing in their own right and an important asset to this world regardless of how large or how small their contribution might be. He was gifted in telling the truth with kindness, compassion and without fear. He was gifted in being honest individual. Michael was gifted in knowing exactly who he was, what his boundaries were but never letting that limit his life. Yes, Michael was a gifted human who in his humble way would say it was because of my family that I achieved my life's passions. Their love and courage everyday strengthened me and gave me encouragement to reach beyond myself. They insured my life would have possibilities. It's sad to know he is gone but there is comfort in our remembering each moment he shared in our lives. To this end I believe that Michael's legacy in this life was not just what he did but in what he gave to those who knew him and were blessed by his many gifts.

Pamela Wilson - July 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I will always remember when Michael was a child that he would watch all the TV channels at the same time. He would constantly flip the channels and could tell you what each program was about. No one else knew what was happening on the shows so Michael would tell you. What a mind he had.

Cheryl Riley - July 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Michael was truly a gem and always a pleasure to be around. I will always remember his kindness, huge smile and up beat personality. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace dear cousin.

Terry Huffman - July 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Michael H. Smelser - June 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM