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Mike Taylor, 70, of Vancouver, WA, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at the University of Washington hospital in Seattle. Mike was born in Pasco, WA. to William and Mary Ellen Taylor.

Mike grew up in Kennewick, WA, graduating from Kennewick High School in 1969. He spent the next 6 years at the University of Washington where he received a BA in Business Administration in 1973 and his MBA in 1975. In their senior year at the UW, Mike married his wife, Kellee, and they remained married for 49 years until his death.

After Grad school, Mike was recruited by Tektronix and spent 13 years in Marketing management positions. Upon leaving Tek, he became a partner in a start-up software company and then the President and CEO. In 2010, with the help of many fine software engineers and an excellent staff of professionals, Mike and his partner sold the company to Google. His company became the Portland office of Google.

Through the years, Mike developed interests in many different things. For 30 years, he and Kellee owned several AKC Doberman Pinschers and with the help of excellent professional handlers, most of their dogs became American and Canadian Champions. Mike was a founding member and the first president of the Mt. Hood Doberman Pinscher Club. Mike also developed a

passion for Archaeology, specifically rock art. Working for many years with knowledgeable and talented professionals, Mike participated in many projects in several western states. He was also able to tour some of the most famous caves in France such as Lascaux and Chauvet. He helped to write several rock art books and served as president of the Oregon Archaeological Society for two terms.

Most recently, Mike turned his interest towards the Deschutes River. An avid fly fisherman since a kid, he wanted to help restore the condition of the river. He joined the board of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, which is made up of volunteers who share a common commitment to working collaboratively toward watershed restoration.

Mike's love of fly fishing took him to rivers and lakes all over the country, spending many hours in some of the best fishing spots around. He often fished with several different friends but loved best, the fishing trips with his brother, Steve.

Mike was preceded in death by his father and brother (Neil). He is survived by his wife, Kellee (Vancouver, WA); his mother (Kennewick, WA); his brother Steve and wife, Janet (Spokane); his sister, Lori Osgard and husband, Rob (Lakewood, CO); and many nieces, nephews, grand-nephews, and grand-nieces.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 18th at 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

If you would like to remember Mike with a donation, please consider the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society ([wcghs.org](http://wcghs.org)) or the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council ([upperdeschuteswatershedcouncil.org](http://upperdeschuteswatershedcouncil.org))

# Tribute Wall

TO

“ I worked with Mike during 2 Instantiations for many a year and had many a delightful conversation. So sad to hear of his passing.

to'c - March 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We are so thankful for having had the opportunity to know Mike as a special and dear friend and neighbor. Kellee we hold you in our hearts.

The Sandy's - March 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Our deepest sympathies during your time of loss. Mike had such an amazing impact as a company founder, leader, mentor and friend. He will be missed.



Tribute Store - March 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Many a good time was had after hours at Tek IDG. - Gary Romans

Gary J Romans - March 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We were so saddened by the loss of an old and good friend. Mike and I worked for John Boone in 1976, then Jon worked for Mike for many years as well. Mike sold us our first of many dobermans and advised us in the proper training of many puppies. Mike will be missed. Kelly our hearts go out to you

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**Rosi Marshall** - March 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. We carry fond memories of Mike.

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**John & Mary O'Keefe** - March 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AT

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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Michael William Taylor** - March 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM