## Mike Mason Obituary

On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, Michael D. Mason, loving husband and brother, passed away peacefully at his home in Cedaredge Colorado. Mike was born July 30 ${ }^{\text {th }} 1941$ in Long Beach, California to John and Marjorie Mason.

Mike was preceded in death by his father and mother. He is survived by his wife Judy, his brother Guy, sisters Cherie, Paula and Francie and several step siblings. Mike had special place in his heart for his many nieces and nephews.

Mike had a passion for our country and his community. He had a true desire for a better world for all. He was known for his kind and compassionate spirit and his ability to clearly communicate very complex problems and concepts so all could understand. Mike spent 2 years in the service on a CAG-1 Guided missile cruiser, the USS Boston. He prepared for this by studying the naval classes he would be dealing with for the 2 weeks before he was deployed. He worked on the weapons direction system for 2 years on the Admiral's ship as it cruised the Mediterranean and stopped in all the scenic locations that admiral's ships go to, including Nice France. He then went to $U$ of I to study Electrical Engineering but they didn't have the math that he liked so he went instead into the Physics Dept with a Mathematics Minor. He worked 25 hours per week as well as taking a full load of classes. Graduating in 1967 with a BS in Engineering Physics he worked 3 years at McDonald Douglas and then Martin Marietta where he worked on the Viking Lander. His next job was at Traffic Data Systems where he designed city wide, synchronized traffic control systems. Finally, he spent 14 years at DEC where they sent him to California for an advanced degree then called him back as the Company was down sizing. Seeing how it was looking, he took early retirement and began working on a 54 lot subdivision north of Colorado Springs. After completing the subdivision, he and his wife Judy bought a 300 acre ranch in Cedar Edge, Colorado.

