



July 27, 1945 — May 18, 2025

Clarence “Mick” Leroy Bixler, Jr., of Cedar City, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, surrounded by his family. Born on July 27, 1945, in High Point, North Carolina, to Clarence Sr. and Elizabeth Bixler, Mick and the family relocated to New Bedford, Massachusetts shortly after his birth, where he spent his childhood as the oldest of four children. He graduated from New Bedford High School in 1963 and from Bryant College (now University) in 1967.

A United States Navy veteran who served two tours in Vietnam aboard the USS Boston from 1967 to 1970 and continued in the Reserves until 1973,

Mick lived a life defined by service to others and unwavering faith. Throughout his incredible journey, he embodied his daily devotional principle of “JOY” — Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last — a philosophy that guided his interactions with everyone he met and was felt by all.

Mick was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Beyond his love for family, his greatest gift was his ability to build meaningful and caring friendships. To know him was to love him. His empathetic nature, need to hug instead of shake hands, and wonderful sense of humor made everyone feel valued in his presence and like they had known him for years. He had an uncanny ability to bring laughter and joy to all who met him.