



Michael Gale Penney

Michael G. Penney of Bakersfield, California passed away on August 21, 2021, at the age of 75. He was born in Taft, CA December 27, 1945, to Robert (Bob) and Jerry Steinert Penney.

Mike attended Taft schools and graduated Taft High School in 1964. He also received an Associate Degree from Bakersfield College in 1977.

After High School he went to work in the oil fields. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1966, served aboard the USS Boston from 1968-1969 and was honorably discharged in 1969.

He went back to work in the oilfields for a short time before joining the Taft Fire Department. He left the Fire Department and started work with Elden's Drapery and Carpet cleaning where he became the manager. After several years with that position, Mike went to work for the Kern County Veterans Services in 2008. He was a veteran and dedicated VA Representative and helping veterans obtain benefits was his calling. In 2013 he retired from the County and became self-employed as an independent VA Representative dedicated to helping home bound veterans.

Mike was reunited in Heaven by family who preceded him - his parents Bob and Jerry Penney.

Mike is survived by his wife Robbie Rose Penney, Daughter Cynthia and Louie Yrigollen, Son Michael and Erin Penney. Sisters Janie and Jim Olafson, and Roberta Penney. Grandsons Jonathan Yrigollen, Christopher, Cody, Brandon and Michael Penney and Granddaughter Allison Yrigollen and six Great Grand children.

Graveside service will be held September 17, 2021, at 9:15 A.M. at Bakersfield National Cemetery located at 30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd., Arvin, CA. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Honor Flight (www.honorflightkerncounty.org) or a favorite charity of your choice in Mike's name.