



Dr. Mike Nelson

December 12, 1951 - April 11, 2020

Dr. Mike Nelson, Psychologist, loving husband and father of three passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 68 on Saturday April 11, 2020 in Fresno California. He suffered with complications of shoulder replacement surgery which led to infections and ultimately fighting for his life. Mike fought hard to get well for his family, but our Heavenly Father needed him for a higher purpose. He was a good, honest, forthright, reverent man who stood tall in this world, a man people looked up to.

Mike was born December 12, 1951 in Pocatello, Idaho to Kyle and Dorothy Nelson. Mike made his way to Montana where his first son, Shayne Nelson was born. He was then blessed to meet and marry his best friend, Cindy Nelson and have two children, Callie Nelson-Kaszacs and Chris Nelson. Mike also had a special friendship with his son in law Kris Kaszacs. His three children were his pride and joy

Mike exuded love and joy with his broad smiles and chuckling laughs. He so loved his helpmate Cindy whom he adored. He put his heart into everything he did including snorkeling in Montana lakes, hiking in the mountains, walking along California beaches, gym workouts, weight training, graduate education and his therapeutic work.

Mike loved his work with people so very much. He had a bubbling enthusiasm,

passion for helping people and contributing to his community. It was this love of people and his aspirations that led him to California to complete his Doctorate in Psychology. Most of all he loved his children, wife Cindy and revered his relationship with God.

Mike was preceded in death by his father Kyle, mother Dorothy, sister Marie and brother John. He is survived by his wife Cindy, his three children, Shayne, Callie and Chris, sisters Maria and Patricia, brother Jeff, son in law Kris Kaszacs, daughter in law Lucy and grandson Michael.

A celebration of Dr. Mike Nelson will be held on Friday May 22, 2020 at Chapel of the Light on 1620 W. Belmont Ave., Fresno, California at 1:00 p.m. After service celebration to be announced. Please come prepared with your own mask for the services.

Mike worked with the Poverello House and the Veteran's Home. His family would be honored for any donations to be in Dr. Mike Nelson's name.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Mike Nelson*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - May 21, 2020 at 08:36 PM

MB

“ *Dr Nelson...u saved my life! You to this very day gave me the skills to become so self aware ..the wonderful conversations we had about God, Native medicine and the amazing way you combined them ...no matter day or night you were always there for me..I no longer felt like a patient, I felt you as a highly trusted friend...A go to person. I miss you so very much. You still to this day help me .. speaking to me in spirit I assume I hear your wonderful voice telling me how good I'm doing and keep up with God. He always spoke about his children n wife in such a loving way...he was never in a bad mood...thank u Dr Nelson for our time as friends...I think of you so much. God bless you n your family..I know your in heaven enjoying every moment! Much love Dr Nelson.*

Michelle L Brumbaugh-Sandoval - June 27, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ *Dr. Mike Nelson*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM

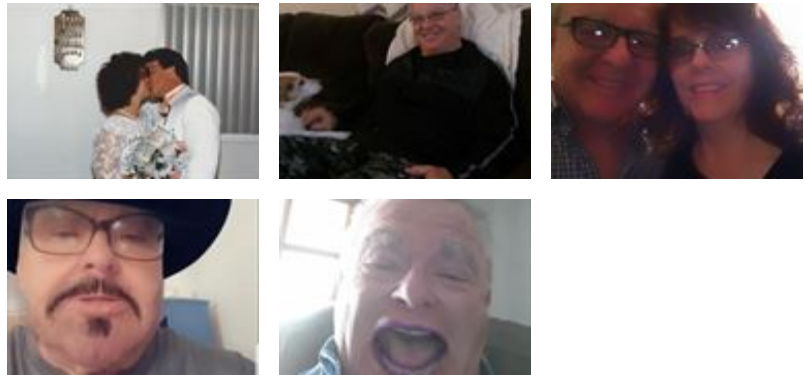


“ Well, I wrote a note & memory of Mike yesterday & for some reason it did not make it to this page. Mike has been my friend for 40 years. He is a good man who stands tall in this life. He is filled with character & integrity, with joy, laughter and the pleasures of life & family. He embodies the essence of loving spirit and caring for others. Mike Represents the best of us. He is “The Power of One” who like the stone thrown into the water radiates an ever widening Ripple changing and moving all those who come in contact with him. He changed lives and does so still. My memories of Mike are grand and brotherly & deep. He sits today in Glory gone home to be with our father & hid relatives. I will, hopefully, visit with him again one day. He is an exemplar of all a good man can hope to become. God Bless you Mike. Love, Jarvis’

larry & Nancy Jarvis - May 22, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - May 22, 2020 at 02:02 PM

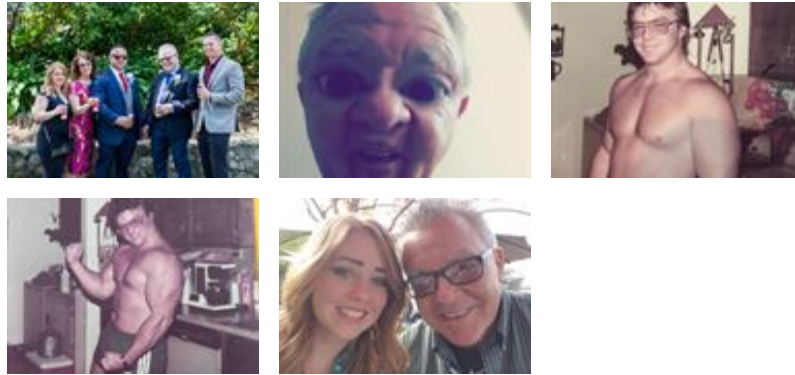
PT

“ We had the pleasure of being Mike's next door neighbor. Moving into a new house you never know what you're going to get for a neighbor. We lucked out and couldnt have asked for a better one than Mike. When you've had some bad ones you really learn to cherish and appreciate the great ones. Mike was one of the greats! Will miss the conversations and that smile. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

Paul, Allyson, and Lil Paul Torres - May 22, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - May 21, 2020 at 08:29 PM

LJ

“ Mike is our friend and has been these 40 years. He is with us still in laughter, smiles and the joy of living where every person counts. He made everyone feel important.

Mike’s spirit & strength remains a river of memories that will continue to flow amongst us. He had “The Power of One” as a stone cast into the water and the ever widening ripples touched so many people & their lives & spirits. Talking with Mike always gave me joy. In fact, I received more from him than he could know. Mike I’ll see you one day in glory and sunshine. What a good man you are. I couldnt get a cactus for you, but a nice barrel cactus would have gone well with the sunflowers. You will always be with us.

Larry & Nancy Jarvis - May 21, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Mike Nelson.



May 20, 2020 at 06:33 PM

LB

“ Larry, Patty, Travis, Anna, Teryn, Brian and boys purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Dr. Mike Nelson.



Larry, Patty, Travis, Anna, Teryn, Brian and boys - May 17, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White*
was purchased for the family of Dr. Mike Nelson.



May 15, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *Shades of Purple* was purchased for the family of
Dr. Mike Nelson.



May 11, 2020 at 01:17 PM

JM

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Nelson Family. We were so sad to hear of Mike's unexpected passing; such a great loss. We've known the Nelsons since they first moved into the neighborhood. Our son, Brendan, and Chris became fast friends. Mike was always very supportive and proud of his childrens' interests and talents. In addition to a passion for sports, we remember a talent show at Gibson where Mike and Chris played the french horn together. We loved to run into Cindy and Mike through the years as the kids grew up. More recently we would see Mike at the gym and Cindy & Mike at Berrocks. He was always so friendly and full of life. Mike enters the shop and seems to know everyone, even stepping behind the counter to say hello to the cooks. Mike had wonderfully warm laughing eyes, always so welcoming and sincere. He was a good man and he will be missed.

May you be comforted by the best memories of Mike.

The Mills Family (Janet, Paul, John, Cara, Brendan & Matt)

Janet Mills - May 10, 2020 at 08:50 PM

SS

“ Absolutely loved Mr Nelson. A dear loving friend that Felt like family. Devastated and miss him so very much.

Sanjay Singh - May 09, 2020 at 12:36 AM

ME

“ Dr. Nelson was an amazing Dr and mentor. He knew how to talk to people in a way that made them matter. When I became his patient I thought “man again”... no this was not your regular Dr. He knew exactly how to get to the point without asking and somehow The words flowed right out. One thing I must say he taught me so much and left me with so much knowledge I know he would be proud.

Our condolences to the family

*Sincerely,
Maldonado family*

mercy - May 07, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JV

“ Wonderful man. I came out of the service. And I was a wreck. Dr came up to me in the gym and seen my army shirt. Asked if I needed help. I told him I’m ok. One day I just called him because I was tired of not being able to shake off war. He never charged me. Always answered his phone. And helped recreate my life full of peace and joy. I will never forget dr for I am who I am today because of his help. Now it’s time I spread his word of peace to the other combat veterans. Love ya doc. Rest In Peace brother.

Jeremy De Vault - May 05, 2020 at 12:28 PM

CN

Amazing Jeremy, love hearing these things and how my dad helped you and many others around him. Makes me that much more proud to be his son. Look forward to meeting you and sharing more.

Chris Nelson - May 07, 2020 at 01:48 PM

GB

“ *Such a proud Dad! Loved his family, always referred to his wife as his bride.*

Greg Bicknell - May 04, 2020 at 05:53 PM

CN

He was such a proud dad wasn't he Greg, especially when you would pitch to me lol. He couldn't talk about my mom enough. He admired you so much when coaching us back when I was playing. Hope your well.

Chris Nelson - May 04, 2020 at 09:49 PM

CN

*Coaching**

Chris Nelson - May 04, 2020 at 09:50 PM

PS

I was proud to be Mike's family physician and grew to be his friend. I've never met a finer man. He texted me on an almost daily basis with words of spiritual encouragement and thoughts of strength and peace.

Patrick Stuart - May 04, 2020 at 11:03 PM

LV

“ *Although I never had the pleasure to meet Mike in person, I often got to hear about him through his wife Cindy. It was so obvious how much she loved him by the way she spoke about him and through the stories she shared about him. They seemed to have a wonderful marriage and life together and he made her happy. I am so sorry for the loss to Cindy and their family and my thoughts are with them.*

Laura Volpe - May 04, 2020 at 04:41 PM