



## Michael G. Mitchell

June 2, 1956 - July 20, 2019

On Saturday, July 20, 2019, Michael George Mitchell, a true craftsman, a loving husband, father, son and brother passed away at home at the age of 63.

Mike was born June 2, 1956 in Tacoma, WA to John and Darlene Mitchell. He met his wife, Paula Jankanish (his high school sweetheart) at the early age of 12 and married her, September 30, 1977. They raised two children, his daughter Shelli and son Ryan.

Mike was a hard-working glazier and dedicated owner of Viking Glass Company for 29 years with his wife Paula and best friend, Keith Greenley. He found peace in working with his hands and seemed most comfortable when he was able to bring his creativity and expertise to the glass industry. He had a mechanical talent and a yearning to be busy, whether in creating or fixing. He loved his dogs, enjoyed working in his yard, and cherished his fall hunting trips with his dad John and his brother Mark. Mike was a man who would stop to change a tire for a stranger. He was a man of integrity and compassion and will be remembered for his sense of humor, his self-satisfying grin, and his love and commitment to his family and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his Father, John Mitchell. His memory lives on through his wife, Paula, his children Shelli and Ryan, his chocolate lab Chip, his mother Darlene, his brother Mark, his son-in-law Andy and his two granddaughters, Juniper and Holland. To honor him, a celebration of his life will be held September 14th at 1:00PM at the Tacoma Elks Lodge 174.

# Comments

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“ I didn't get get the opportunity to know Mike as well as I would have liked. But Jeff and Emily spoke so highly of him and with great respect. I remember when Mike had gone into Emily's place of work and through their conversation had talked about Mike needing to hire someone for his glass company. Emily had told Mike about Jeff. Mike would not hire just anybody and he was very careful about who he hired to work for him. Well, Jeff and Mike met and it turned out to be the beginning of a really great relationship. Not just at work, they became remarkable friends. One of my favorite memories was seeing the look on Mike's face at Jeff and Emily's wedding. He was so happy for them as he stood with his lovely wife Paula. Mike smiled a lot that day. He meant so much to Jeff and Emily and I know that he made an impact on their lives forever. And Mike will be missed.

**Jem McLennan** - August 03 at 11:56 AM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers to the family, Darlene. So sorry for your loss. I can see Uncle Ray in his picture. Love you guys. Cousin Cathy

**Cathy Larsen** - August 02 at 12:16 PM