



## Michael Uliasz

January 19, 1941 - February 15, 2023

Michael Ford Uliasz, of Bridgeport, WA, passed peacefully on February 15, 2023. He was born on January 19, 1941, in Indianapolis, IN, to Richard C. and Lois (Ford) Tracy. His love of steam locomotives was formed during his early childhood, riding the C & EI that his grandpa worked for.

In 1947, Lois married John T. Uliasz and John adopted Mike, in 1949. Lois and Michael sailed a steamship to live in Japan, where John, serving in the U.S. Army was stationed and later, in Germany. At age 12, John gave him his first motorcycle. He was a natural, excellent rider and rode up until he was 80 years old. He was a member of several motorcycle groups. His best ride was the four corners of the U.S., when he retired in 1998.

In 1958, Mike enlisted in the U.S. Army and served 8 ½ years, stateside and in Germany. He was trained in demolition, explosives, marksmanship, military police, and truck driving. After his discharge, he drove tanker truck trailers out of Seattle, WA, for Chevron for 31 years.

In 1988, he married the love of his life, Karen, and many memories were made on the motorcycle, camping, traveling, day trips, and dancing. Mike was an awesome dancer!

In 2004, they moved from Granite Falls, WA, to Bridgeport. Mike enjoyed visiting with people, helping, volunteering, and made many friends. He was a member of the Eagles in Granite Falls and Bridgeport for 30 plus years. He was a huge collector of the Looney Tunes character, Taz. Everywhere you looked, he had something with Taz on it.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Karen, of 34 years; daughters: Sherrill, Janeen, and Michelle; step-daughters, whom he loved as his own: Kristina, Cynthia, and Roxane. He loved being Grandpa to seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings: Tim (Pattie), Ann (Mike), and Susie (Paul); numerous nieces and nephews; numerous cousins from his biological family-The Tracy clan in Indiana and Ohio-that he reconnected with nine years ago.

Mike is loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Barnes Chapel, Brewster, WA, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please leave your thoughts and memories at [www.barneschapel.com](http://www.barneschapel.com). A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., at Barnes Chapel, 510 W. Indian Ave., Brewster, WA. It will be followed by a reception with the Army Honor Guard at the American Legion, 102 N. Main St., Brewster, WA.

The family wishes to thank Three Rivers Hospital in Brewster, for the loving care and patience you gave Mike and his family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Barnes Chapel  
510 W. Indian Avenue  
PO Box 306  
Brewster, WA 98812  
(509) 689-3494  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Uliasz*



**Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel** - March 28, 2023 at 03:50 PM

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*What a wonderful tribute. Wish I could have met him in person. Prayers fir the family. Indiana cousin Linda*

**Linda Reichenbacker** - April 04, 2023 at 08:52 PM

DP

“ *For the cousins in Indiana and Ohio, it was a quest spanning decades to find our long-lost cousin Mike. A few years ago, that journey was successful! We found him!*

*We had many telephone calls and text messages. We shared stories and pictures. And we enjoyed every minute. Sadly, we were never able to meet Mike, but at least now we have the satisfaction of knowing him, even so briefly.*

*To Karen and his family, you have my sincerest condolences.*

*Dan Prather  
Indiana*

**Dan Prather** - March 28, 2023 at 04:59 PM

JT

*As a first cousin from Seymour, Indiana, it seems like we talked of Mike our entire lives. What a joyous time it was when we reconnected. My communications with Mike were wonderful connections with our missing cousin! My sympathies to Karen and all the family.*

*John Tracey  
California*

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**john Tracey** - March 28, 2023 at 05:46 PM

JT

*To Karen and Mike's daughters, it was great to finally find Mike and share with each other the paths that our lives took. Nine years was not enough time but we filled it with stories and family history. We knew that he was out there, and we made the most of the time we had. Our condolences to you Karen, and the six daughters and grandchildren. We hope you find peace of mind in this time of grief. Jerry and Maureen Tracey Cincinnati, Ohio*

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**Jerry Tracey** - March 31, 2023 at 01:12 PM