



## Michael Joseph Leonardo

February 3, 1939 - February 16, 2022

Michael Joseph Leonardo, 83 of Selma, CA, left us after having a major stroke on February 2nd 2022, the day before his 83rd birthday. He later died at the hospital on February 16th 2022.

Mike is survived by his wife Sharon of 61 years of marriage and three daughters,

Cindy Donabedian, Cheryl Brisco, and Suzanne Grilione. Also surviving son-in-law's, John Donabedian, Jamie Brisco, and David Grilione. Grandchildren; Michael Donabedian, Cody Brisco, Krichele Masen, Jacob Donabedian, Blake Brisco, Halie Donabedian, Anne Brisco, Isabella Grilione, and Sophia Grilione. Great-Grandchildren; Magnolia Donabedian and Jovi Donabedian. Mike is also survived by his two sisters Maureen Pollard and Bridget Fornaro of Fresno CA.

Mike always lived his life to the fullest. One of his favorite things to do was travel. He loved to travel with his wife and family to places like Europe, Pismo, and several states across the country. He also loved to stay healthy by riding his bike every day. Mike always had a story to tell about his life. Whether it was family or a stranger, he loved to talk and make new friends. He will be greatly missed.

Rosary will be held 6:00 PM, Thursday, February 24th, 2022 at Holy Family

Catholic Church, 1275 Smith Street, Kingsburg.

A Memorial Mass services will be held 10:00 AM Friday, February 25th, 2022 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1275 Smith Street, Kingsburg.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

## Memorial Mass

FEB **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

# Tribute Wall



“ My favorite memory of Uncle Mike was when he came to my wedding in Vegas and taught me how to play craps 🎲🎲 My husband and I had so much fun that night. He was always a fun guy to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this very difficult time.

Tiffany Torres - February 23, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Leonardo.



February 23, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Leonardo.



February 23, 2022 at 10:14 AM

BF

“ My handsome Brother who I loved so very much! He was the world to me ! We enjoyed so many cherished memories together with family outings dinners and cards! He was so proud of their ranch his retirement of United Grocery of many years! He was such a hard worker whatever he was doing! He never missed an invitation to a family invitation! S such a dedicated family man!He was a dedicated Catholic Man going to Church every Sunday! I will always remember he prayed for his two sisters in his nightly prayers! I will miss him and Sharon riding there bikes over our house to say hello! We were so proud at 82 he was so heathy and physically fit! I know he is in heaven with our Mom and Dad and playing his harmonica!

**Bridgie leonardo Fornaro** - February 21, 2022 at 04:05 PM

CB

Oh Aunt Bridget, how Daddy loved his little sister so much! He will be greatly missed but we all know he is with our Lord Jesus waiting for us in our forever home called Heaven.

**Cheryl Brisco** - February 22, 2022 at 10:32 PM

BB

I was so sad to learn of Mike's passing! My deepest sympathies to all of Mike's family, especially his beloved Sharon and their daughters. May their sweet memories of him be comforting and treasured until they are all reunited 🙏

**Bonnie Walls Barton** - March 01, 2022 at 03:00 PM

BF

“ Bridgie Leonardo Fornaro lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Leonardo



**Bridgie leonardo Fornaro** - February 21, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Leonardo.*



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February 21, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Leonardo.*



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February 20, 2022 at 10:05 PM

RR

“ Oh, how we will miss him, with his smile that could light up any room. Mike was always the one I wanted to visit with at family gatherings. He and Sharon never missed a birthday, an anniversary or just a drop by visit if too much time had passed since the last visit.

*He was smart, curious, always asking questions and listening to the answers as he wanted to understand stuff. This made him an excellent traveler. He liked people and was interested in them, how they lived, what they enjoyed, knowing about their place and their families. Although he was curious, he was cautious as well. Often, he would ask Sharon to try this or that first and let him know if he should try it! He was not going to fall for that Wisconsin Fudge (chocolate cheese made to look like real fudge!).*

*Mike and Sharon were part of our inner circle. They were always central to family events and often hosted them at their home in Selma CA. My sister Linda and I were rooting for Mike to win Sharon's heart from the get-go. Sharon would seek some privacy for her phone calls by pulling the corded phone (yes, a long cord from the wall jack to the phone) into the bathroom! We wanted Mike as he was so nice to us and would bring us treats like Cracker Jacks! After they were married, they continued to include us. I remember the water-skiing trips to Pine Flat, the attempts to teach me to dance (never successful), playing games in their living room (but Sharon always won!), watching their three daughters, Cindy, Cheryl, and Suzy, grow up, and the visits to Wisconsin when I was in school there and then here in Massachusetts. All treasured memories.*

*On their last visit here to South Deerfield, Massachusetts he and Sharon went canoeing with us, Mike set the record for time sitting in the “chill pond” (our underground well water flows into a pool and is always 52 F degrees, that's cold!) and danced in our living room (but not me, as I never really learned and in contrast to Mike, I was embarrassed to try).*

*We have lost a central person to our family, to our community. May our memories provide some comfort despite our loss.*



**Richard Rogers** - February 19, 2022 at 11:09 AM

CB

*Thank you Richard for your kind words. I shared it with Mom and you brought a smile to her face. All those wonderful memories that we will cherish. Dad is dancing in Heaven now with our Lord Jesus. ❤️❤️❤️*

**Cheryl Brisco** - February 21, 2022 at 03:05 PM