



Mike Cassel

December 2, 1962 - December 31, 2023

Michael “Mike” Alan Cassel (61), of Cocoa Beach, FL, passed away on Sunday, December 31, 2023. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Diana; sons, Daniel (Lisa) and Kevin; sisters Susan, Kathryn (Ernst), Kelly (Keith), and Kimberly (Donny). He is loved and will truly be missed by many.

Mike was born on December 2, 1962, in Long Beach, CA, to David and Sharon. He grew up in San Diego, CA, before he left to join the Army at the age of 18. Mike proudly served his country for over 14 years, with half of that time as a member of the Special Forces. Mike spent the past 25 years supporting his country overseas as a DoS and DoD contractor. He was immersed in business operations and communications systems network design and maintenance.

Although Mike was reserved, those who knew him well knew him for his modesty, generosity, and love for his family and country. He had a sense of humor that would give any Brit a run for their money and was appreciated by many.

Mike will be remembered for his love of telecommunications. In his free time, when not traveling and enjoying outdoor sports with his family, he communicated with others around the world with his radio system. Mike loved surfing and riding the waves in the US, Portugal, Spain, and France to name a

few. He enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, and rock climbing wherever he ventured on his travels. He loved music and would moonlight as a DJ and curate his “Mr. E.” set lists with care. Mike had a deep love for food, and although his go-to meal was a nice juicy steak, he preferred cooking spicy Mexican food.

In honor of Mike’s life, a memorial service with military honors will be held at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, 5525 US-1, Mims, Florida 32754 on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 9AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=11585&ovr_acv_id=16828&campaignSource=ONLINE&source=BS24008AAA BRXAA&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAiA44OtBhAOEiwAj4gpOYf6XOXY8KtV BWm6jRyrPMmDoioVAwchqxDuGQB1hLYn0uqC160cZxoCBe4QAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds), an organization Mike supported and cared for deeply.

Previous Events

Memorial Service With Military Honors

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
5525 US-1
Mims, FL 32754

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Happy Father’s Day!
I walked up this mountain a couple days ago, thinking of you and how you would’ve loved it here in Italy.
Small towns, cheap coffee and beer and lots of beautiful nature and mountains.
Rest in Peace old man!
Love, Kev*



Kevin Cassel - May 14 at 02:32 PM

KM

“ *KATHRYN D MARINO lit a candle in memory
of Mike Cassel*



KATHRYN D MARINO - May 01 at 04:10 PM

KC

“ *Happy Birthday Old Man* ❤️



Kevin Cassel - December 02, 2025 at 01:04 PM

KM

“ *KATHRYN D MARINO lit a candle in memory of Mike Cassel*



KATHRYN D MARINO - October 18, 2025 at 04:55 PM

KC

“ *Kevin Cassel lit a candle in memory of Mike Cassel*



Kevin Cassel - September 09, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KC

“ Lighting a candle for you old man!

It's crazy how time flies... I remember sitting on the balcony with you ... Now that I think of it, I remember sitting on a thousand balconies with you, legs crossed, camel between your fingertips, just staring into the ocean, the mountains, whatever you had to gaze at.

I remember waking up at 5 AM, thinking „Why is it so damn early and why am I awake?“, then seeing your long skinny silhouette roam around the room, the sound of the boiling water for your coffee ... man I miss you.

I miss our talks in these early hours of the day. I understand why you liked being up this early. It's peaceful.

I hope you found that same peace, wherever you are now, I'm thinking of you and know that you're watching from some balcony. With a pack of camels and your lighter around your neck... cool move by the way, having your lighter on quickdraw is pretty badass! Rest in peace.

Love

-Kev



Kevin Cassel - December 31, 2024 at 02:08 AM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diana Cassel - November 28, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DC

My everything, each memory of you is a story to tell, and I'm grateful for every one of them. I miss you to pieces my love; until we meet again!

Diana Cassel - November 28, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DC

“ *Diana Cassel lit a candle in memory of Mike Cassel*



Diana Cassel - November 28, 2024 at 11:02 AM

WC

“ *MAC, again the fight is on Brother, I only wish you were here to be in it! Love always the crew! Watch over us!*

Wade L Childs - October 30, 2024 at 03:30 PM

WC

MAC! Brother, We won again, your legacy continues.

Wade L Childs - November 27, 2024 at 06:26 PM

KC

“ Crazy how time flies... it doesn't feel like it's been 6 months already.
I think about you and our adventures every day.

I know you're somewhere up there, watching us and taking care of us.

There's no beer, no camel cigarette and no stumping my toe that doesn't include thinking of you, you really were a wonderful person and I'm forever proud to be your son.

Love

Kev



Kevin Cassel - July 01, 2024 at 08:46 AM

KC

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Kevin Cassel - July 01, 2024 at 08:11 AM

DM

“ I served with you in 84-85 in Germany. 2/42 FA, Crailshiem. You were a hilarious dude, and a good soldier. I am glad we reconnected a couple of years ago on LinkedIn, even if it was only briefly. A few of us who served in Crailshiem with you are reuniting in May of 2024. We will reminisce about you and toast to you. RIP brother.

David Merck - May 21, 2024 at 09:07 AM

DK

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Dirk Kellar - January 20, 2024 at 02:29 PM

ST

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Steve - January 13, 2024 at 11:10 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve - January 13, 2024 at 11:03 PM

ST

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve - January 13, 2024 at 10:42 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Steve - January 13, 2024 at 09:54 PM

VB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Vincent Bucci - January 13, 2024 at 09:52 PM

KB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Ken Browning - January 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM

KB

“ An incredible human, friend, and teammate. I have many fond memories of our time getting sent to every crappy detail together. Mike made this life better for everyone that knew him and he'll never be forgotten. RIP DOL



Ken Browning - January 13, 2024 at 08:59 AM

KC

“ Always down for another adventure and ready to do some cool stuff is how I remember my dad. Thanks for the wonderful times we’ve spent and as always, love and miss you a lot! -Kev



Kevin Cassel - January 13, 2024 at 01:33 AM

MF

“ Mike you are one in a trillion. You can never be replaced in so many ways. Our friendship and as a colleague was the best memories I have had in a long while. My favorite time was when You and Diana took the time to drag to me top of a mountain with the military and seen that I made it home safe. Like Wade said keep looking over us and save room on that next mountain until we meet again. Hugs

Margaret Freeman - January 12, 2024 at 05:19 PM

WC

“ Amigo, you are the greatest Patriot, warrior and friend. All of us will terribly miss your wisdom, candor, and strength. We went through the fire and won so many times, now it’s time to keep your legacy moving. There will never be another Motorola Mike.. Thanks for all you did to support me in life and all the countless times you just listened and provided solid advice and encouragement in the darkest parts of my life. Mike, your boundless spirit will live forever in each of us, and in hundreds of miles of cable, towers, and the sunsets on the mountains we called ours! You leave an incredible void that we will never fill. Rest in peace, look after us until we meet again.

W.L. Childs - January 12, 2024 at 05:07 PM