



Michael Steven Ross

May 21, 1948 - August 26, 2025

Michael Ross, 77, of Fairfield, California, passed away peacefully at home on August 26, 2025.

Born on May 21, 1948, in Detroit, Michigan, Mike was the son of Edward and Grace Ross. He grew up outside of Cleveland, Ohio, and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin–Madison. After graduating, he proudly joined the U.S. Air Force. Much of his 22-year military career was spent at Travis Air Force Base, where he flew C-5 aircraft, including missions during Operation Desert Storm. In addition to his military service, Mike's aviation career included 27 years with United Airlines.

Beyond the skies, Mike had many passions and interests, including meteorology, fishkeeping, model railroads and carnivorous plants. He enjoyed traveling to visit friends and family across the globe, and is remembered by all as a generous and kind person who provided great care to his loved ones, and was always ready to lend a helping hand. His warm smile, calm demeanor, and sense of humor touched all who knew him.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Grace Ross; his sister, Anita Ross and his wife, Janet Ross. He is survived by his daughter, Kathryn Ross, and her partner, Sean Mills; and by his beloved granddog, Franklin.

A memorial service will be held at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery on October 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests donations to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or the Alzheimer's Association. If you'd like to share a memory, please visit Mike's Veterans Legacy page.

Previous Events

Burial / Committal Service

OCT 3. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Please arrive 30 minutes before scheduled service to the lane assigned for Michael Ross. Thank you kindly.

Tribute Wall

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“ Kathryn We we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. We have such fond memories of him. He and your mom were the first ones we met when we bought our first home down the street from them on Capitola Way. We continued our friendship throughout the years. You and our oldest daughter, Michelle were best buddies when you were babies and until you were about 4 years old when we moved. I kept in touch with your mom throughout the years and was heartbroken when she passed away a few years ago. I found out your dad was ill from a mutual friend earlier this year and was hoping that he would pull through. We'll always remember your dad as such a kind and gentle soul and his laughter. Peace be with you at this time and forever.

LeAnn and Rich Heinemann

LeAnn Heinemann - September 30, 2025 at 06:13 PM