



Michael Anders Bryan

June 10, 1936 - November 28, 2019

Scott Valley pioneer descendant and 2019 Siskiyou County Cattleman of the Year, Mike Bryan, 83, died on November 28, 2019, at Mercy Medical Center in Redding, after suffering a stroke. Bryan was born on June 10, 1936, in Medford, OR, to Frank and Ann Storgard Bryan and grew up on the family ranch in Scott Valley. He is survived by his wife, Lynne; son, Scott Bryan of Van Nuys, CA; daughters, Michelle Bryan Oroschakoff (Orlin) of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, Shannon Bryan (Aaron Yablon) of Plano, Texas, and Katie Bryan Morris (Jim) of Scott Valley; grandchildren, Johnathan Bryan, Jeremiah Bryan, Timothy Bryan, Catriona Bryan, Gabriella Bryan, Emma Morris, Ben Morris, Will Morris, and Matthew Fee, as well as great-grandson, Dominic Bryan.

Mike was the great-grandson of James Bryan who served as an Army sergeant stationed at Fort Jones, and who settled in Scott Valley as a rancher and packer in 1852, and of Charles Hovenden, another pioneer rancher. Mike graduated from Etna High School and Oregon State College (now University), where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He married Lynne Bates in Portland, Oregon in 1958, a marriage that lasted 61 years. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a lieutenant and became the first Coast Guard officer to have a SCUBA diving berth. After his service, he and Lynne returned to the family ranch in Scott Valley, which he operated until his retirement.

Mike was an active member of his community, serving as President and Board member of Pleasure Park, President of the Coordinated Resource Management Plan, President of the Scott Valley Irrigation District, member of the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau, and a director for the Siskiyou County Cattlemen's Association. He was a member of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission, a board member of the Top of the State Back Country Horsemen, member of the RCD committee for many years, a local events announcer for the Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeos, as well as announcer for the Rodeo Parade and the Veterans' Parade, a cowboy poet with many appearances for charitable organizations, Siskiyou County Farm Bureau "Man of the Year," the published author of "Tall Tales and Mountain Trails," a collection of funny family stories and poems, illustrated by his close friend and next-door neighbor, the late Skip Hanna.

The community service he was most proud of was being co-founder with Lynne of Citizens for Orderly Growth, a concerned citizens organization which defeated a Los Angeles developer's plan to develop a 10,000 lot subdivision in Plowman's Valley. He then served on the committee that developed the Scott Valley Plan, enacted into law in 1980, which has helped to maintain the agricultural base of Scott Valley.

Mike and Bink Sherman started Bryan and Sherman Packing, a mountain packing and guide service, in 1988. Being on his horse Twist in the Marble Mountains, Trinity Alps, and Russian Wilderness was his place of peace and contentment and was the source of many of his stories and poems.

Mike was a Christian, a member of the Scott Valley Berean Church, and served on the church Missions Committee. He volunteered as a driver for the Scott Valley Food Bank.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 11:00

AM at the Scott Valley Berean Church in Etna, with a potluck afterward. A private family graveside service will be held at the Fort Jones Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, PO Box 208, Greenview, CA 96037; Scott Valley Berean Church Missions Committee, PO Box 716, Etna, CA 96027; or Scott Valley Scholarship Fund, PO Box 352, Etna, CA 96027.

Cemetery Details

Fort Jones Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Fort Jones, CA 96032

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

Scott Valley Berean Church
134 Church Street
Etna, CA 96027

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a shock to open the paper and see that Mike has passed on. Dean and I will miss him greatly. What a great Outfitter Guide and community member. We've had some fun trips to the mountains with clients. Remembering the Back Country meetings at the Forest Service and how Mike played an exemplary example as President when his turn. I remember one occasion Mike had asked if I would take clients with him in to the mountains as he was needing another wrangler for the trip. Unfortunately I had a children's Sunday School class that Sunday and was unable to go. I've felt bad ever since and wished I'd had the opportunity on another occasion.*

My sincere sympathy to you Lynne and your family, my heartfelt prayers are with you. Kathy Duffy McBroom

Kathy Duffy McBroom - December 04, 2019 at 07:57 PM

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“ Such a wonderful man -- with great integrity, humor and character. I wish there were words to express how much we will miss him. I remember the day that Mike and Doug were baptized at Kidder Creek Camp. A special memory, a very special baptism, especially since both had much to overcome! And we loved our nights at Bible Study, especially since Doug and Mike were so alike in their love of the Lord. And who will ever forget Mike's great voice and his wonderful stories and cowboy poetry? Loved his black hat, too, and I remember my father -- 48 years ago -- remarking on Mike's charisma and cowboy charm, especially with his hat and mustache. Lynne and family, we love you and are so sorry over Mike's passing. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, friend and neighbor. His passing leaves a great hole in this valley and county, but we know Mike is with His Lord, and we will continue to pray that the Lord keep you close and bring you peace and comfort.



Gail Jenner - December 03, 2019 at 02:04 AM

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“ Can't say enough about this man and his family what a stand up no BS guy that was willing to help and willing to have fun. My first memories of Mike was when he taught me to scuba dive in Kangaroo Lake in the 60s. My heart goes out to all the family. It was a privilege to know him. We've lost a good one. Safe travels and Rest In Peace my friende

Tracy Louie - December 02, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ One of the kindest men I have ever known. So sorry for your loss. Prayers to Lynne and the family. Chris Bowers

Chris Bowers - December 02, 2019 at 01:48 PM