



## Michael Reed McWhirter

November 11, 1941 - September 29, 2019

CDR Michael Reed McWhirter, United States Navy, Retired. CDR McWhirter after living an exceptionally adventurous life, he went to his justly deserved heavenly reward on September 29, 2019. He was a true son of Texas, born in Lufkin Texas on November 11, 1941 to Richard and Aretta McWhirter. He graduated from the University of Houston on an Athletic Scholarship. He later attended the Naval War College. His long and exemplary military career included deployments on the Destroyer Vance, Five Campaigns in Vietnam, and a lengthy assignment at the Defense Nuclear Agency in Washington, DC. His military awards included, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Defense Meritorious Unit Award, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Naval Achievement Medal with "V", National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal-Five Campaigns, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his retirement from military service he worked as an independent consultant. Later he was employed by EG&G Incorporated, ultimately retiring from the Bechtel Corporation. He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years Janice McWhirter, his cousin Justin Andersen, his 4 cats and his many friends. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on the 16th October, at Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church, 2004 Spring Gate Ln., in Summerlin. Interment will be private at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to; The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, SAWA President, 2900 Palomino Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89107.



# Tribute Wall

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“ My late wife Rochelle and I knew Mike and Jan when they lived in Virginia. Loved them both and truly enjoyed their hospitality. RIP, Mike - as a fellow naval officer I greatly appreciate your military and civilian service.

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**Howard Uhal** - January 15, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Mike at the Las Vegas Cigar company almost a year ago. Being retired Navy myself, we shared some good stories. I smoked many cigars with Mike and will miss him. Fair winds and following seas my friend.

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**Mark Treglia** - October 15, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ Hal and I met Mike and Jan at a Navy League meeting in Las Vegas 30 years ago. The men enjoyed sharing their experiences in the Navy and their second careers in defense contracts. Over the years, our family shared so many memorable events with them to include their love of fine dining, community volunteering, birthdays, and holidays. Mike brought strength in living the good life. He touched our lives and will never be truly gone. **BETTY LEWIS - LAS VEGAS**

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October 13, 2019 at 11:28 AM

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*“ We met Mike on a Mississippi river boat trip. The friendship was immediate with him and Jan. Mike seemed very laid back and had to be encouraged to talk about his distinguished career. The boat offered a bourbon tasting one day. Mike loved good bourbon, good cigars and life in general. He knew more about bourbon and the proper way to drink it than the person who presented the tasting. It was our privilege to fly to Las Vegas and have dinner with Mike and Jan and Sharon Childs, who introduced us. In a very short period of time we recognized the greatness of this true American patriot. Our best to Jan and his many friends. Larry and Lynda*

Larry Stamper - October 08, 2019 at 01:30 PM

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*“ My prayers and sympathy are with you while you grieve. May your memories of a wonderful husband bring you peace in the days ahead.*



Tommie Cassels Major - LHS 1959 - October 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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*“ Jan,*

*We hold you in our prayers in this very very difficult time. We always admired Mike and enjoyed his company. The two of you had an amazing relationship and we have always thought of you as a unit. It's a huge loss. Love and peace. Vicki and Bill*



Dr. Vicki L Holmes and Bill Brannon - October 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Andy and I are saddened by the loss of your husband, Mike. What a wonderful man, husband, and hero he was. May God and all of your wonderful memories sustain you.*  
*Love, Laura*



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**Laura and Andy Chiciak** - October 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM