



Mitchell Anthony Swen

July 13, 1930 - March 29, 2024

Mitchell A. (Mike) Swen of Bakersfield, California passed away Friday, March 29, 2024. He was born in Terra Bella, California on July 13, 1930, to Antoni and Mary Swen.

The sixth of 9 children, he had strong bonds with his siblings throughout his life. He told stories of learning to find pleasure in his work from his father as they strove to thrive during the depression. He was industrious, working in the family bakery, washing dishes and setting bowling pins in his youth. After graduating from Porterville High School, he attended Porterville Junior College, then served in the US Army in Korea.

In 1954, Mike married Nonie Wheaton, moved to Bakersfield and shared a marriage which spanned 65 years. He attributed his coming to know Christ as his savior to his wife's gentle influence. Mike worked in bread sales until retirement and was proud to be part of the Pyrenees French Bakery family.

Family and friends were important to Mike. He engaged by leading cub scouts, coaching baseball teams, and taking time to connect with those around him. Nonie would say He never met a stranger.

Mike loved sports and investing in the lives and skill development of young players. Despite an injury which left him blind in one eye, he became a

baseball umpire and volleyball official. He held himself to exacting standards and did his utmost to be fair, accurate and impartial.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife Nonie. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Mick and Debra Swen, Richard and Janet Swen, Ron and Kim Swen, and Don Romero and Pamela Swen-Romero. In addition, Mike has 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Military Honors

APR 15. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Bakersfield National Cemetery
30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203
(661) 867-2250

Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Laurelglen Bible Church
2801 ashe Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will never forget your dad wearing his uniform during military holidays and VFW doings, which he so proudly adorned. I loved your parents; as our VFW 1468, he was a huge part of it.*

*Cheryl Hunter Long
SHS class of 73*

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