



## Robert Michael Slayton

August 30, 1953 - November 3, 2021

Robert Michael Slayton, 68 , went home to be with the Lord on November 3, 2021. Mike was born on August 30, 1953 to Robert Evans Slayton and Patricia Jean Meyers in Sacramento, California. Mike graduated from Sacramento Union Academy, with intentions to pursue a medical career at Pacific Union College, until he met the love of his life, whom he shared forty-six wonderful years and raised three daughters with.

Mike was a fourth generation high end contractor and carpenter. He was a natural storyteller, bringing laughter wherever he went. Mike was a wise and respected man, sharing his knowledge of survival skills and history with anyone who would listen. Mike loved his students, and they loved him too, coming to visit Mike decades later and introduce them to their kids.

He also had an immense love for animals and nature. His favorite places to travel include Granite Chief Picayune Valley, the Nevada desert, and wilderness areas in Wyoming. He collected many native-american and historical artifacts during his travels. He gave twenty years of his life at Ft. Bridger, keeping the fire alive with his flint and steel and bow drill demonstrations, earning his mountain man title of "Big Smoke," along with his wife, "Flint Woman."

Mike's children and grandchildren were introduced to Indiana Jones, Scrooge,

Dances with Wolves, and Blazing Saddles at an early age, as these were a few of his favorite films. Mike is survived by his wife Loritta, his daughters, Laura, Katie and Rachel, a son-in law, a grandson-in-law and nine grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life is planned for 1:30pm on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park, 1211 Big Thompson Rd, Loveland, CO 80537. Bring a blanket or a camp chair and memories to share.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 1:30 PM (MT)

Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park  
1211 Big Thompson Road  
Loveland, CO 80537

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Mike and his father took me on my first "big boy" back pack trip to "last Chance" behind Foresthill Ca. the memory of it being a near death experience has diminished and i remember the only the fun now. my condolences for your loss and the loss of a great classmate. clay maddox

E. Clay Maddox - November 08, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Michael Slayton.



November 08, 2021 at 12:11 PM

PC

“ I so enjoyed going to Michael's 'mountain man' demonstrations. He was very good at keeping the attention of kids as well as adults like me! He had so much knowledge and knew how to share it. His love of history was infectious.

*I was very sorry to hear of his passing*

*Sending condolences to you, Loretta and all the girls.*

*Much love and prayers*

*Peggy and Jim Colburn*

peggy colburn - November 08, 2021 at 12:52 AM

SA

“ *What a sweet soul. Master Slayton, you will be missed. So many memories of rendezvous times with you! Some of our favorite times were at Estes Park Elk Fest. Dinner in the park with our rendezvous family. You touched our lives and hearts. ❤️*  
*Sue and Terry*

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**Sue AwsumbConn** - November 05, 2021 at 11:00 PM