



## Michael Francis de la Pena

December 10, 1940 - February 23, 2024

### Michael de la Pena Obituary

Michael (Mike) Francis de la Pena, husband, father, grandfather, avid boater, football fan, train collector, traveler, and history buff, spread his wings and gracefully left this earth for heaven after ending his battle with cancer on the morning of February 23, 2024.

Mike was born on December 10, 1940, in San Francisco, California to Michael Joseph and Esperanza (Ruelas) de la Pena. Mike spent his youth in San Francisco and later raised his family in Santa Rosa and spent his retirement in Shingle Springs, CA.

He married the love of his life, Beverly Diane Bilher on January 18, 1964, celebrating 60 years of a loving and committed marriage. Together they raised their 3 children, creating memories boating, camping, attending sporting and school events, traveling and spending time as a family cheering on his favorite sports teams.

Mike was a Lionel train collector and enthusiast, dedicating hours to working on his train layout with the help of his wife and his “train buddies”. He loved to travel, taking extended European trips with Bev where he enjoyed learning about WWII, experiencing new cultures, food, and meeting people from around the globe.

A dedicated family man, he spent more than 50 years providing for his family as a UA Local 38 member and steamfitter. Mike is survived by his wife Beverly, oldest daughter Pamela, son in law Robert and their children Meghan, Matthew and Mark, his son Michael and his children Jake, Drew and Coast, and his youngest daughter Cindy and her three children Bailey, Jared and Rhyann.

There is a funeral mass scheduled for April 19th at 10:30 am, at St Joseph Marelo Catholic Parish. Located at 7200 Folsom Auburn Road, Granite Bay. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations are made in Mike's name to the wonderful people of Snowline Hospice who supported his comfort care over the past 3 months:

Snowline Hospice of El Dorado County

6520 Pleasant Valley Road

Diamond Springs, CA 95619

Or online at: <https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/snowline-hospice-of-el-dorado/donation-form>

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DS

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael Francis de la Pena by Deborah Stafford (Dudley) & Jim Stafford. Plant a Tree! think about all the times over the decades that our two families got together and laughed, cheered, ate, drank, boated and just had a blast together! Mr. D, as he was affectionately know to us kids, was always at the heart of these good times. I still remember very well his boisterous laugh and joking manner that had us all cracking up. His and my dads friendly USC/Michigan rivalry will go down in history. His 49er themed bathroom was something to behold! So I'd like to think of our dads together, eternally cheering all of us on as we carry on their legacies. Rest in Peace Mr. D. Deborah Stafford (Dudley) & Jim Stafford

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**Deborah Stafford (Dudley) & Jim Stafford** - May 15 at 01:29 PM

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“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Michael Francis de la Pena by Mike Raymond. Plant a Tree! Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. Have many good memories of the numerous train shows we attended. He had such a wealth of knowledge about the model trains he collected & willing to share. Mike Raymond

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**Mike Raymond** - May 15 at 01:29 PM

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“ I was very sad to hear about Mike’s passing. Mike and I worked together at Therma for almost 10 years. When Therma landed the Chiron project in Emeryville in 1997, I was selected as the project manager and Mike was selected as the general Forman for the project. We had a very successful project, in a large part due to Mike and his handling of over 100 men. Once the project was finished, we decided to keep the Oakland office open and branch out to do more work in the area. Mike’s skills with the Piping, plumbing and stainless manpower were a huge reason for our continued success. Mike was the general Forman overseeing numerous projects and a very large group of manpower. Mike was always thinking ahead, always ready to give whatever it took to get it done. He and I developed a great working relationship and friendship. We were given a project in Southern California, in the City of Industry, that another group from Therma had all messed up. Mike and I went down and turned it around and finished the project. I loved hearing about his/ your train travels through Europe and the US. I chose to leave Therma and Mike went to Kinetics shortly after I left. I don’t believe we ever crossed paths again, though I heard about him often from others in the industry. I will always remember Mike as a friend and his “ can do”, “ get it done attitude”. He was a big part of my success in this business. LeRoy Ginn 510-407-1752

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**LeRoy Ginn** - June 27, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *Michael Francis de la Pena*

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March 20, 2024 at 05:40 PM

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“ *To all of Michaels beloved family, we are grieved with you. May his wonderful memories live on with you forever!*

*Love, the Johanning family*

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**Love, the Johanning family** - February 29, 2024 at 12:10 PM