

Michael Edward Blue

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Michael Edward Blue was born on 22 Feb 1963 at Camp Pendleton, California as the first child of Melvin Roy Blue and Cecelia Marie Fisher. He had three siblings, Lisa Marie, Katy Lynn, and Todd Allen. He is the grandson of Albert and Ruth Blue of "Blue in the Saddle". He died on 18 Aug 2020 in Sunnyside, Washington. Mike was born on his father's birthday. He grew up in Walla Walla, Washington with two sisters and a brother. As a teenager, he loved motorcycles, riding & fixing them. He was also into hunting & fishing. In later years, he began building & flying his own RC airplanes. He graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1981. After graduation, he worked for several years at Pete's Marina, then another ten years at Key Technology. In 1988 he married Najha Katsel; their union produced a son James. They were later divorced. Mike had become a long-haul truck driver & loved seeing the country; he drove in every state except one in the contiguous US, always wishing he could get enough of a running start to somehow land in Hawaii. He also was able to drive into Mexico & Canada. In 2009, he married Tracy Settle, and began driving a much more local route around the northwest, so he could be closer to home. He team-drove with his boss, Carl logging over a million miles with him. He had just left the Quality Inn in Sunnyside, Washington to begin a solo run on the route, when he had a heart attack and died doing what he loved at the age of 57.

