



## Michael Dewayne Rice

December 29, 1971 - November 5, 2018

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Passed away in Corning, California on Monday, November 5th, 2018 unexpectedly at the young age of 46. He was born in Tulare, California on December 29, 1971. Mike was the second son born to Carl and Darlene Rice. Mike was preceded in death by his father Carl Rice as well as both sets of his grandparents. He is survived in death by his mother and stepfather, Darlene and Dave Lindsay, his oldest brother Carl and sister in law Lori Rice, as well as his younger brother Jason Rice, nieces Hannah Rice, Hilary and husband Tony Wakeford, nephew Nick Largent-Rice, great niece and nephew Lilyella and William (Liam) Wakeford, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Michael was his birth name many knew him as Mike. To his family and close friends, he was and always will be "Mikey". Mike grew up partially in the Bakersfield area. The family moved to Corning when Mike was in grade school. He was the middle of three boys. He was never known as the middle child. From the time they were born they were always inseparable. Always looking out for each other whether they got along or not. They were the Rice brothers. Growing up and as an adult Mike loved watching and playing sports. Especially baseball and football. Always razzing family and friends when their team was winning or losing. The gift of gab as he was known for. Mike was really into cars, riding motorcycles, fishing, and especially BBQ. After high school he worked

different jobs. Until he got his commercial license as a truck driver like step dad and brother. Later his younger brother would follow in his footsteps. Mike found his passion on the open road. He traveled the United States with his dog Daisy, meeting new people and making friends wherever he went. Just like his mom and Nani Wheat whom he loved with his whole heart Mike loved a good deal. A bargain on whatever he could find. You asked him to find something and he would research and find it.

A celebration of life will be held in Rodgers Theatre 1217 Solano Street, Corning, California on Saturday, November 17 at noon. Please come by for a luncheon and share some stories with everyone.