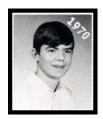
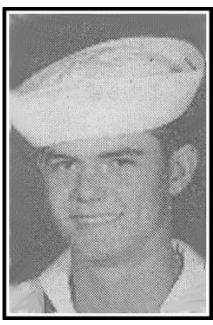
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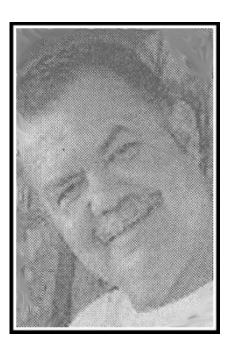
## MICHAEL DWAIN "MIKE" BOOLEN ~ Class of 1971

May 3, 1953 - July 5, 2012









## MICHAEL DWAIN BOOLEN

Michael Dwain Boolen was born May 3, 1953, in Wenatchee, Washington, to LaVerne and Richard Boolen. He passed away July 5, 2012, in Ventura County, California, in a small plane accident. Although this tragic crash has taken Mike from us, there is solace and comfort in knowing that he was doing the one thing that he was most passionate about — flying airplanes. We all wish he was still with us, and can't believe he's gone, but we know he's flying higher now than ever, with Jesus. His uncontrol lable smile and laughter must be tremendous. Mike had a zest and exuberance for life and touched everyone he came into contact with. He was constantly tak ing on new projects and was always on the go. He not only loved working on and flying his airplanes, he always had several cars and motorcycles he would be fixing up as well. If there was ever anyone that lived life to the fullest, it was certainly him.

After moving to Richland from Wenatchee with his family in 1959, Mike attended Richland schools and graduated from Richland High School in 1971. Growing up, Mike loved to camp

Navy where his passion for airplanes began as he trained for and became a fighter jet electrician. After leaving the Navy he began his career in the electrical field, eventually becoming a journeyman electrician and working construction on the Hanford Site.

In 1982, Mike left Richland and moved to the Los Angeles area in California, where he lived out the rest of his life, starting a family and another of his ambitions, his own electrical contracting business. He was known as one of the "best" electricians in the area. Later, after getting his pilot's license and certifying as a flight instructor, he started another business in that field in the L.A. area.

Mike is survived by his father and mother, Richard and LaVerne Boolen; brothers, Paul (Shawna) Boolen, Lane (Linda) Boolen, Scott Boolen, Frank (Aiko) Boolen and sister, Susan (Jeff) Middlemas; son, Christopher and daughters, Elizabeth, Michelle and Lyn LaVerne; nieces, Erin, Jessica, Audrey, Aimee, Jennifer, Miranda and Sara; nephews, Connor, Ethan, Dustin, Jason, Noah and Jeffery.

A memorial for Mike will be held Saturday, August 11, at 1:00 p.m. at the Country Gentleman