



## Michael Raymond Bjorklund

November 6, 1951 - May 4, 2026

Michael R. “Mike” Bjorklund, age 74, of St. Augustine, Florida, finally ran out of weed on May 4, 2026. Born to Raymond and Betty Bjorklund on November 6, 1951, in Fairmont, Minnesota, Mike's life took him in interesting directions. Mike worked as a truck driver, construction worker, civil engineering inspector, and later in quality control, where he inspected railroad bridges prior to shipment until his retirement. He earned an associate's degree with honors along with numerous concrete industry certifications, accomplishments that reflected years of hard work and experience.

Mike earned the rank of Eagle Scout and loved racing his 1969 Chevelle as a young man. He enjoyed ZZ Top, the Eagles, partying, beautiful women, fishing, and traveling. In his later years, he fully embraced the laid-back lifestyle of an old hippie and loved that medical marijuana could help with his illnesses. Friends and family may remember him flashing a peace sign as they walked out the door.

His life took him from Fairmont, Minnesota, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and later to the area around Des Moines, Iowa, where he married Susan Fronsdaahl. Susan passed while the family lived in Colorado. Later, as a single father wanting to be closer to family, Mike moved to Nebraska, where he married Carole Jean Piper. Mike served as Carole's caregiver for years before she ultimately lost her battle with Parkinson's disease.

As his own health declined, Mike moved to St. Augustine, Florida, to be closer to his remaining family. Despite the challenges his Parkinson's brought him,

he continued to enjoy time with family and friends and lived life the only way he knew how — freely and unapologetically.

The family would like to give special recognition to his friend and neighbor, Daniella, his guardian angel and the person who helped him navigate his final years with dignity, patience, and kindness. Her friendship and compassion will always be deeply appreciated.

Mike is survived by his sisters, Judy Walsh and Gail Dunn (Jeff); his son, Nathan (Leslie); and his grandchildren, Erik and Emma. He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Fronsdaahl; his wife, Carole Piper; his parents, Raymond and Betty Bjorklund; and his beloved dog, Ginger.