



## Michael Leroy Arbogast

April 23, 1946 - March 13, 2017

Michael Leroy Arbogast, 70, of Soap Lake, Washington, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, March 13, 2017.

Michael was

born April 23, 1946 in Pasco, Washington to Beryl Leroy Arbogast and Dorothy Alice (Gurnsey) Arbogast.

Michael considered everyone he met his friend and he loved telling them stories, laughing with them, and being part of a group. He loved his brothers and sisters and loved to reveal all their family secrets. Singing and clapping were important to him, and he loved holding a new baby.

He was one of the original students when the Pasco School District began its Special Education Program and attended there until he turned 21. Then in 1967, after a short hiatus at home, Michael became one of the founding clients when the sheltered workshop, Columbia Industries, opened its doors in Kennewick, Washington. Michael worked there for the next 29 years, reluctantly retiring only when health concerns forced him to do so.

Michael lived the first 50 years of his life at the family home in Pasco with his parents. Then upon his retirement from Columbia Industries, he moved to Elma, Washington to live with his sister and brother-in-law, Laurie and Steve Dauma.

Michael had few things in life that he was passionate about – one of these was bowling. He bowled with Special Olympics during the years in Pasco and then began league bowling in Elma and continued at Lake Bowl in Moses

Lake, Washington for many years where he made many friends. John Wayne was Michael's favorite actor and he was very proud of his collection of John Wayne movies. Michael was really a secret cowboy and one of his prize possessions was his white Stetson. Elvis Presley was Michael's favorite singer and they sang many duets together and Michael was proud of knowing all the lyrics.

The most important day of the year for Michael was the annual family reunion at Maryhill State Park. Michael attended for over 50 years without missing one and always insisted that we had to have deviled eggs for the picnic.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John E. Arbogast of Nipomo, Calif.; and one nephew, Shane S. Dauma.

He is survived by two additional brothers, Roger Arbogast, Shorewood, Ill. and JB Arbogast of Pasco; and six sisters – Jackie Rowley of Fairview, Ore.; Sharon Hillis of Madras, Ore.; Aramae Buckingham of Vancouver, Wash.; Laurie Dauma of Soap Lake; Shelley Mickelson of Two Harbors, Minn. and C. Fran Putnam of Sultan, Wash.; plus 20 nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews and even more great-greats.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Community Evangelical Free Church in Soap Lake.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Samaritan's Purse at P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, designated for Operation Christmas Child; or to the Community Evangelical Free Church, P.O. Box 816, Soap Lake, WA 98851, in memory of Michael L. Arbogast.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

Community Evangelical Free Church  
110 Main Ave E  
Soap Lake, WA 98851

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Michael's passing. I have so many fond memories of him through the years....always good for a laugh or to bring a smile to someone. He was a very special and caring man. May you all have many fond memories that will help to fill your heart and minds with some sort of peace. God's Blessings to you all...



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**Lyla Poland** - March 28, 2017 at 06:52 PM

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“ I don't even know where to begin, or even how to feel, about life without Uncle Mike in it. I'm both so Sad but also excited to talk about him. Of course, there has never been a time in my life that he wasn't in it. I did not see him very often, usually only once a year at Mayhill Park. On the first Saturday in August. You see this is the place of the annual family reunion. When you first drive into the parking lot, you would see Mike waving and running towards the parking lot. He was always there before us, to greet us. He would stand near the edge but not venture, into the lot. He was so happy to see you. It always made you feel like you were so loved. Then he would tell you his story. It was his update on what he'd been doing since you saw him last. It was usually about his travels or his trophies. Whatever this story was, you would hear the story several times during the day as he would greet others. We'd always chuckle about, but today as I am writing this, I would give a million dollars for an Uncle Mike story. I LOVE YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK! And know that I am so fortunate to have/had have you for an Uncle!  
Danielle Williams

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**danielle williams** - March 28, 2017 at 06:07 PM

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“ I have so many favorite memories of Michael. He and I traveled together, bowled together, went to the movies, went to dances, sang in the car to Elvis, went to Shari's for chicken fried steak. So many memories. I will miss him.

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**Fran** - March 28, 2017 at 04:29 PM

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“ Uncle Mike was always so ready to give us a hug and a smile...after which, we would immediately be regaled with the tale of his latest adventure with one of his beloved sisters and/or his favorite girl, Minney Mouse! What a sweet, special soul, whom I will always remember with love! Feel so lucky to call him my Uncle! Much love to the entire Arbogast Family as you say goodbye to your wonderful brother! Love, Bridget Rowley

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**Bridget Rowley** - March 28, 2017 at 04:25 PM

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“ I will always remember Uncle Mike greeting us whenever there was a family get together. Whether it was at the window of Grandma and Grandpa's house or at Maryhill State Park - Uncle Mike was the first one to welcome us. Always with open arms and the biggest heart. He will be missed tremendously <3

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**Teryl Dunn** - March 28, 2017 at 04:03 PM

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“ Michael was greatly loved and will be so missed by all his family. It is a blessing that he passed so peacefully. One of my favorite memories of Michael is how he enjoyed the train ride to the rim of the Grand Canyon and how many times he told the story of the "robbers" boarding the train and stealing money from his brother-in-law's pocket!!! Michael thought it was the funniest story to tell!!!!

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**Sharon A Hillis** - March 28, 2017 at 01:53 PM

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“ We our so sorry for you loss of your sweet Michael, We our praying for you and your family.

*Love John and Kristie and Brycen and Madison Stucky*

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**kristie Stucky** - March 28, 2017 at 09:00 AM