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Mike Pettit completed his lifelong story, and entered his greatest adventure on Friday, July 23, 2021 near his home in The Villages, Florida.

He began life October 1, 1942, in Houston, Texas, courtesy of parents Loyal Dodge Pettit and Arlena Harrison Pettit who have preceded him in death; as have his siblings Barbara Taylor, Sheila Richardson and Robert (Bob) Pettit. He is survived by his sisters Grace Hefner, Mary Burd, and Christine Eberle; his children Robert Dale Pettit, Elizabeth Pettit Hocker, Thomas Bertlyn Pettit, Catharine Ann Moses and Kurt Robert Boyer, eight grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends who miss him dearly.

Mike was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He joined the United States Marine Corps at age 17 and proudly rose to the rank of Sergeant, serving in combat during Vietnam and teaching search and seizure in Okinawa, where he served with his brother in the Military Police. His experience in the Marines played a very important role in his life.

Always a playful kid at heart, he enjoyed employment at Mattel Toys in California from 1970 to 1988 where he was often sent around the world in

performance of his job duties. He enjoyed many years living, working and exploring Asia before his retirement. During his retirement he spent time penning and publishing over thirty books, predominantly available through Amazon. He loved fishing, SCUBA diving, dancing, the ocean, exploring the world, finding "treasures", and entertaining a room of people with great stories. He will be remembered by his gift of connecting with people, his warm and playful spirit, his love for his family and dogs, painting, and spinning fantastic stories.

He is survived by his loving wife of his last 33 years, Sharon Robinson Pettit.

Semper Fi

In lieu of flowers the family suggests planting a tree in his memory or making a donation in his honor to the World Ocean Foundation: <https://oceanfdn.org/>

Tribute Wall

SB

“ You are missed by so many who loved your sense of humor, your photos and your many books, and especially those of us who you inspired and helped as authors in training. You will always have a special place in our hearts, and we will be forever grateful to you. You have been a blessing in our lives. We miss you but know you're no longer struggling in pain and you're walking on streets of gold.

Sue & Greg Bartlett - October 12, 2021 at 08:06 PM

MV

“ So very sorry to hear this..such a delightful and eccentric person! Just loved your humor and view of the world! You will be missed!

Millie vinson - August 19, 2021 at 12:16 AM

RB

“ My sympathies and prayers to Mike's family. I met him via Facebook and he always made me laugh. We shared political views/beliefs and I'm thankful I was able to be friends with him. I'm so sorry for you loss.

Semper Fi Marine

Renee Barnhart - August 17, 2021 at 11:29 PM

JR

“ Mike, I am sorry I tarried and missed meeting you in person to shake your hand. I thoroughly enjoyed your stories and Facebook posts. The world has lost a great American and Patriot. I wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas, Brother! I will see you in Glory and be looking for you standing guard at the pearly gates!

Jerry Rupert USMC Retired - August 17, 2021 at 09:32 PM

PB

“ Oh, Shine. You'll be sorely missed.

Pat Barron - August 17, 2021 at 06:42 PM

GE

“ Please accept my condolences and sympathy. Ran into Mike online several years ago. I appreciated his candid humor. Simper Fi marine. Rest well.

George - August 17, 2021 at 06:07 PM

LS

“ Mike I miss you so much on Facebook! Your humor always made me smile. And your kindness was always so appreciated! FB isn't the same without you my friend. I know you are in a better place now, and I can just imagine how you are entertaining everyone in Heaven with your wonderful stories! You are sorely missed Mike!

LILA STOUT - August 17, 2021 at 11:47 AM

WS

“ This absolutely breaks my heart... I am so very sorry for the loss of our sweet Mike.. He was so precious to so many of us...His words will be sorely missed... RIP My Dear Sweet Friend..

Wanda Smith - August 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM

MF

“ Missing you every day my friend. Your help and support helped me to rise to a publishing level I never would have made on my own. Thank you, miss you, God Bless!

Mike Faricy - August 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM

LM

“ *May you rest in peace. It was fun knowing you albeit only on FB. Since I never got to say farewell I'll whisper it to the wind. My condolences to your family.*

Lucille Miller - August 17, 2021 at 08:09 AM

DW

“ *Mike, you are missed on Facebook, I miss your humor your sassiness and your nini cookies and milk before bed. I miss the pictures of your sweet Yorkie. I have been wondering for quite a while where you were and what was going on and I see you were preparing for your next great adventure. We will meet in person again soon my friend, in heaven with our Lord and Savior. God bless your wife and family, you will be sorely missed.*

Dianne Weber - August 17, 2021 at 07:03 AM