



## Michael Lee Engle

May 18, 1945 - April 8, 2019

Michael Engle, aged 73, passed away on Monday April 8th, after a courageous 3 year battle with cancer. His loving family was by his side when he passed. Mike was born on May 18, 1945 in Washington DC. He spent most of his childhood in Kansas until age 15, when his family moved to Millbrae, CA for his father's work with TWA at the San Francisco International Airport. Mike worked at De Anza Community College as an Instructor and tenured faculty for 33 years. He was department head of the Machine Tool Technology program, now known as the Manufacturing and CNC Technology program. Mike had a life long love of both flying and boating. He got his private pilots license in the early 1990's and flew Cessna's for several years. He then bought his own aircraft, a Beechcraft Bonanza V tail. He flew his plane along the west coast of the US, all over California and into Nevada, and as far east as Oshkosh, WI. After he retired from teaching, Mike decided to get into boating and bought a Nordhavn 40 trawler. He and his wife crewed this boat as far south as the Channel Islands. He and a buddy crewed the boat nonstop from San Francisco to Anacortes, WA, which was a 4-day trip. Mike and his wife, Lisa, then spent the summer sailing among the San Juan Islands and into Victoria, Canada. Mike and Lisa loved to travel, and together they visited all of the continents except Antarctica. Mike's favorite trip was their safari to Kenya and Tanzania, then down to Zimbabwe to see Victoria Falls. Mike was preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Gladys (Brunk) Engle. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, son Todd and daughter-in-law Mary Rose, son Garrett, sister Pam, brother-in-law Lee and his 2 nephews Shannon (wife Wendy) and Matthew. He is also survived by his dear Mini Schnauzer, Benny.

# Comments

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“ Lisa, Thinking about Mike, we remember meeting him through boating, and admiring his skills and abilities. Mike took a photo of our boat that was good enough to be published on the Nordhavn Calendar. He was a true jack of all trades with outstanding abilities. Aircraft pilot, boat captain, photographer, teacher – he had it all. We all deeply miss him.

**David L Steffens** - April 28, 2019 at 11:01 AM

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“ Harold and I have known Michael for many years, since he was in high school and will always remember him as our son-n-law. After we moved to Montana, we would look forward to the Christmas card he would send every year. We enjoyed hearing about the family and the wonderful trips he and Elizabeth took. Our family here in Montana are so sorry to hear of his passing and send our condolences. Sincerely, Marie Boak

**Marie Boak** - April 26, 2019 at 06:00 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about cousin Michael. I have many great memories of our time spent together when mom and I visited San Francisco many years ago and Mike took me on a wild ride thru Santa Cruz in his sports car! He will be missed.

**Sue & Larry Adams** - April 16, 2019 at 04:51 PM