



Michael Carl Horton

April 18, 1951 - August 4, 2025

Michael Carl Horton, 74, passed from this life on Monday, August 4, 2025, at his home. Mike was born on April 18, 1951, in Naperville, IL, moved to Boaz, WI, and then to Michigan where he spent most of his younger years. He graduated from Redford High School in Detroit in 1969 and studied Counseling Psychology at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan. Mike was a dedicated educator and youth counselor for many years in the Colorado school system, retiring from Roncalli Middle School in Pueblo, where he developed several innovative programs for students.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Robert E. and Beatrice Horton, and his son, Nicholas Horton. He leaves behind his wife, Amy (Crews) Horton; three younger sisters, Deborah (Todd) Reynolds of Owensboro, KY; Annette (Brian) Artley of Waynesville, NC; Susan (Bill) Eble of Rochester, MI; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews, many friends, and many students whose lives he affected. He was a voracious reader, and fan of the Denver Broncos, Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers. Those left behind will miss his laugh, his jokes, his mix tapes, his love of music and his love of family.

A celebration of Mike's life will be announced at a future date.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Praying for your peace and comfort as you mourn the loss of your brother.*

Jeanne Carroll - August 24, 2025 at 10:40 AM

SM

“ *Michael 'Buggs' Horton- Quite the character was Mike. I met and worked with him in La Junta, Colorado back in the 90s. He worked as a school counselor and developed many programs to help kids. One project that stands out is an end of school slide show that was put together in unison with music. He had to have put many hours into co-ordinatong that gem and the kids loved it! The staff was impressed also. The man knew his music and he turned me on to some outstanding tunes. He made me several cassette 'mixes' that I have to this day. Mikey had his Demons, just as we all do and dealt with them continually and to the best of his ability. Buggs was extremely intelligent and had a super sense of humor. He could make one laugh for hours on end and boggle one's mind with his knowledge. I lost touch with this brilliant little man shortly after leaving La Junta and reading of his demise hurts my heart. He was one truly good man.*

*Michael, walk peacefully now in the Wheat Fields with your son knowing that you lived a very long productive life.
Rest Easy, old friend...*



Sammy Montoya - August 16, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DR

Thank you so much, Sammy! He was indeed a gem and as his sister, I will miss him as well!

Debbie Horton Reynolds - August 16, 2025 at 08:16 PM

JD

“*Mike and I were the only men who were counselors on the middle school level in D60. He was a great guy and I considered him a friend. He will missed.*”

John Dobson - August 14, 2025 at 01:20 PM

EC

“*Ed and Karen Cobleigh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Carl Horton.*”

Ed and Karen Cobleigh - August 14, 2025 at 10:59 AM

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“*Ed and Karen Cobleigh purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Carl Horton.*”



Ed and Karen Cobleigh - August 14, 2025 at 10:59 AM

EC

“*We managed to get in trouble (on a number of occasions) but also a lot of fun together. Lost track of each other over the years but consider him a friend. Am saddened to see that he has passed. Ed Cobleigh*”

Edward Cobleigh - August 14, 2025 at 10:48 AM

AS

Thank you Ed. No live plants or flowers please-nowhere to send them right now

Annette Artley (Mikes sister) - August 14, 2025 at 11:48 AM

AA

The Peace Lily arrived at my home in NC. Thank you,

Annette Artley - August 21, 2025 at 08:52 AM