



## Michael William Dewey

May 29, 1949 - June 20, 2024

Michael William Dewey, 75, of Amarillo passed away on June 20, 2024. The family will hold Celebration of Life Services at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024 at New Life Church.

Michael was born on May 29, 1949 in Carrollton, Illinois to Darrell and Doris Dewey. He was mostly raised in Amarillo, Texas where he graduated from Palo Duro High School. He studied electronics at Amarillo College, then enlisted in the United States Army, where he served in the Vietnam War in a special branch of the NSA.

Mike worked in many trades, including employment at the State Penitentiary, Asarco, Owens Corning, retail, and for the City of Amarillo. He and his father jointly owned & operated a camp-trailer-building business; Mike had a venture-business in a used car-turnover. In Mississippi, he was employed as a crane operator, helping to build a nuclear plant. Mike was a talented clock smith, and owned his own clock repair business, Clock Works until retirement around 2021. He met his wife, Karen Harvey in their 20's, however, it wasn't until 2016 that they reunited and married.

Michael, affectionately known as "Mike", or "Mike-ie", was a jolly fellow, thinker, star gazer and 'tease' who cared greatly for others (and dogs). He served as a mentor and friend to many in need. He was a masterful mechanic

and NASCAR fan (a rat-car-racer in earlier years). Mike possessed a variety of skills which he used to improve his home and help build & repair many things for those he loved. In his free time, he enjoyed Sci-fi & Western films, restoring vehicles, traveling with friends and wife throughout the United States, fishing, hiking, exploring nature, & studying rocks and artifacts.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Harvey-Dewey of Amarillo; brother, David Dewey of Amarillo and two nephews, Devlyn Dewey and Aaron Tanglewood. On his mother's Sonneborn side, he is survived by his Aunts Virginia, Jane, Sue and Bonnie and several nieces, nephews, and cousins in Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Services

JUL **20**. 9:45 AM (CT)

New Life Church  
406 Pittsburg St.  
Amarillo, TX 79104

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shafer Mortuary Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael William Dewey*



Shafer Mortuary Services - October 01, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael William Dewey.*



July 19, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *Arthur G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael William Dewey.*

Arthur G. - July 15, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael William Dewey.*



July 15, 2024 at 03:47 PM

MS

“ *May you rest in peace. I wish we would have had more time together and nurture our relationship. Thank you for giving me life. Rest in peace Dad.*

Michele Sulaica - July 13, 2024 at 04:44 PM

MS

*Michele Barbosa Sulaica*

Michele Sulaica - July 13, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *150 files added to the album Memories Album*



Shafer Mortuary Services - July 05, 2024 at 11:24 AM

JW

*Trying to make a short comment about Mike, for me, isn't possible. There are so many sides to this simple country boy. A deep thinker with a high IQ, that could hold a conversation about anything, anyone wanted to cover. He would sit and listen to and talk with the simplest child, young or old. An Uncle to my boys for as long as I've been their Dad. His compassion for others was pure. A heart for helping others no mater where or when. "The Clock Doctor", he had patience and detailed skill that few could master. The best analytical mechanic I've ever met. He kept the wheels rolling on countless adventures up and down the Alcan highway. Saw him back a 16ft. Trailer UP a winding drive and park it right at the front door of our cabin in Alaska. Could spot a small arrowhead in the dust where the rest of us couldn't see it till he dug it up. He blessed every life he came in contact with with smiles, humor and bit of smart assness. Mike is all this and so much more. A better friend no one could ask for. They say you die twice, once when your body goes and when there's no one left to speak your name. Mike will live on for many years to come. For as long as I live, for sure. The Man, the Myth, the Brother*

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**Jerry Wilhite** - July 13, 2024 at 01:58 AM

DT

“ *RIP mike  
I will always smile thinking of you  
All the GREAT memories*

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**Duane Trahern** - July 05, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MM

“ *Karen I am so sorry for your loss. May God Bless You and your family always. I worked with Mike at Levines in the late 60,s. Praying for you. Marilyn Bishop*

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**Marilyn Bishop Morrow** - July 03, 2024 at 04:13 PM

CJ

“ Mikey was a big part of my life , he thought me how to drive a standard and we had lots of fun and memories going camping and hiking and fishing. He was an awesome man and I going to miss him . Rest in peace Mikey !!!!

Cheryl Jackson - June 27, 2024 at 08:31 AM

RH

“ I have known Mike for 40 yrs of my 48 yrs. He taught me a lot from the proper way to shoot a rubber band to how to drive. Went on many hiking adventures to nascar races. Thanks for memory's. Rest in Peace Mike-ie

Ray Hardin - June 26, 2024 at 07:57 PM

SS

“ Mike and my father Jim McLean were friends ever since I can remember. Prayers for the Dewey family. RIP Mike!!

Staci Seymour - June 26, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MM

“ Mike was a friend to our family as long as I can remember. He was a good man who would do anything for anyone.

Mike McLean - June 26, 2024 at 07:06 PM

TB

“ Worked with Mike at the state. He was his own man and was a friend to many. Good natured by heart and always quick to lend a helping hand. He will be missed . Prayers for the family and his wife.



Terry Barnes - June 26, 2024 at 03:09 PM

KU

“ To all in mourning, I'm sorry for your loss. I first met Dewey while he visited Alaska. Wonderful memories made. Mike caught some monster trout and he even attempted tagging along on a Dall sheep hunt. We also spent time talking and star gazing while visiting together on Lucky's PBR ranch in New Mexico. While we have both fallen ill our last talk was nothing but encouragement and friendship. I share in grief. Friends always Dewey. Kurt, Sterling Alaska

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**kurt** - June 26, 2024 at 12:28 PM

JY

*Mike will definitely be missed,, I really enjoyed working with and knowing him as a person,,,*

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**Jeff York** - June 26, 2024 at 03:23 PM

RB

*I always enjoyed Mike and his knowledge about everything. Good friend and colleague RIP I will miss you. God Blessings over you and your family and friends.*

*Randy Boone*

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**Randy Boone** - June 26, 2024 at 10:29 PM

AF

*Mike was a great guy and a good friend for the last 50 years. We shared many wonderful times together camping, fishing, hunting and just sitting around talking (always with the help of a few beers). He was a guy that would help you whenever you asked. I will greatly miss Mike.*

*Jerry Foster*

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**Arthur Gerald Foster** - July 15, 2024 at 03:38 PM