



## Michael "Mike" Anthony Bostwick Sr.

June 2, 1944 - December 30, 2023

Michael A. Bostwick Sr. was born on June 2, 1944 in Sacramento California to Rolla George and Norma June (Huff) Bostwick. He grew up in Omaha, Nebraska attending school at St. Bernard and graduating from Benson High School in 1963. As a child, he enjoyed playing with his brothers, playing with cars, and catching snakes in the yard and keeping them in his pockets. He was also involved in Boy Scouts and ROTC.

From 1964 to 1970, Mike served in the United States Navy as an Aviation Structural Mechanic (ASM3). During his service in the Vietnam War, he was involved in Operation Rolling Thunder, Playcoo, Hill 158 and the TET Offensive. He earned numerous medals including National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his time in the Navy, Mike worked in the construction field, framing and doing carpentry. He also worked alongside his mom as a sports statistician for the Omaha Lancers and helped in many other ways to support the Omaha Lancers for many years. He later started his own carpentry business, B&B Trim. Mike was also a member of VFW Post #2503 and the Elkhorn Eagles #3943. Mike was blessed with two children, Michael A. Bostwick Jr. and Tricia Lynn Bostwick.

Hockey was a major interest of Mike's, and his favorite teams were the Omaha Lancers and the

Edmonton Oilers. He ran and organized the Omaha Amateur Hockey Association. Mike also had fond memories of a recent trip to a Dallas Stars game with his daughter, Tricia. He also enjoyed watching car racing and liked to go out to the tracks whenever possible. Other pastimes included: camping, gardening, attending the Nebraska State Fair, watching James Bond movies, listening to country music, especially Hank Williams Sr. and Jr., and he enjoyed going out to eat at Farmer Browns. Prime rib was his favorite food, and he also enjoyed a nice cold beer.

Family and friends were very important to Mike. He was thrilled by the births of his children and grandchildren and was looking forward to his future grandchild. He was so happy to be a part of a big loving family, and holiday parties were always a special time. Many will remember Mike telling them, "I flushed more sea water than you will ever sail on." Mike taught his family good values by being a hardworking man who valued honesty. His family knew that he would do anything to take care of them. He will be remembered for being friendly, funny, kind, generous, and eager to help others.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, R.G. "Buzz" and Norma June Bostwick and brothers, Patrick Bostwick and Larry Bostwick. He is survived by his daughter, Tricia (Ethan) Maring; son, Michael (Angie) Bostwick Jr.; grandchildren: Amber Bostwick, Michael Bostwick III, James Bostwick, Serenity Maring, and Dom Maring; and brothers, Mark (Patricia) Bostwick and Joseph (Deborah) Bostwick.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held from 9:30 – 11:30 AM on Monday, January 8, 2024 at Reichmuth Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Omaha National Cemetery at 12:30 PM with military honors by the U.S. Navy and VFW Post #2503. Memorials may be directed to the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road  
Omaha, NE 68138

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 8. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Burial

JAN 8. 12:30 PM (CT)

Omaha National Cemetery  
14250 Schram Road  
Omaha, NE 68138

# Tribute Wall

ZA

“ Bos was a great guy and taught me so much!  
I used to play pool with him for hours at  
Rolling Hills, he made me feel like a pro. I'll  
miss him, may he rest in peace <3  
-Z



Zaria - January 07, 2024 at 10:35 AM

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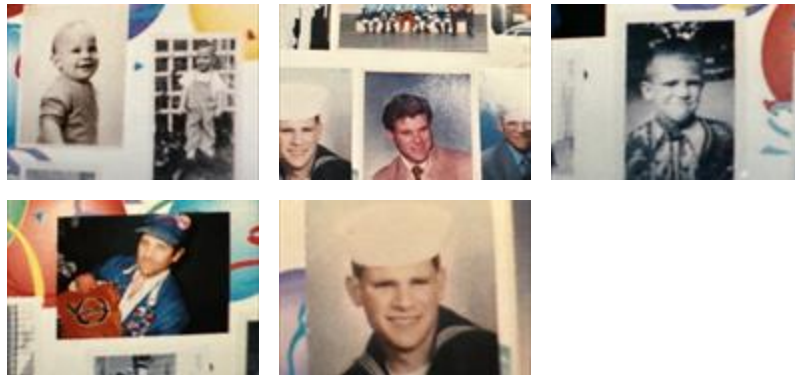
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Nicole Bostwick - January 06, 2024 at 01:59 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Nicole Bostwick - January 06, 2024 at 01:33 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Nicole Bostwick** - January 06, 2024 at 01:30 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Nicole Bostwick** - January 06, 2024 at 01:27 AM

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“ Too many memories to count of my Uncle Mike.....  
He was often around as I was growing up. Many days I'd come home from school to him and my dad (Mark) building cabinets in the garage. He'd laugh, call me "Mario" (Andretti), and said he was going to buy me some driving gloves 🥲 , his funny way of saying I should slow it down.  
My first vehicle was an old Toyota pickup he had driven for work with my dad. I loved it. It smelled like saw dust, coffee and Uncle Mike's cigars.  
I'll never forget the time I slid in some gravel and wiped out on my 10 speed bike. Next thing I knew, my uncle was there, sweeping me up and running to carry me home.  
I can still hear his voice, whether calling me "Nick" or "Mario", laughing, or showing me his medals and collectibles.  
I'm sorry I can't be there to hug my cousins, dad and family, and show him how much I love him, but he knows. We'll miss you, Uncle Mike. Xoxoxo ~ love, your niece Nick (AKA Mario)

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**Nicole Bostwick** - January 06, 2024 at 01:22 AM

PB

“ Married to mark son # 4 Newly weds. Mike made us a wooden coffee table. The top was in a checker board design and stained dark. We needed it and I loved it! I Thought it was so cool. I will miss Mike's big smile which he shared a lot .

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**Patricia Bostwick** - January 05, 2024 at 02:36 PM

MB

“ My memory of my cousin Mike was when he was in the Navy stationed in Southern California and my husband and I would take him to the Long Beach pike to ride the roller coaster. My husband hated the roller coaster but Mike and I rode it over and over. We had a lot of fun.

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**Mary B** - January 03, 2024 at 08:29 PM

PB

*I'm sure between the likes of you two. There was A LOT of laughter.*

Patricia Bostwick - January 05, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Anthony Bostwick Sr..*



January 02, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Anthony Bostwick Sr..*



January 02, 2024 at 06:29 PM