



# Michael Keith Cooley

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**M**ichael Keith Cooley, age 77, passed away January 6, 2026 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born on September 29, 1948, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Michael, known to many as Mike, is survived by his siblings Dennis Cooley, Gary Beard, Robert Beard, Marie Beard McComb, His children Katrina (Robert) Aamodt, Brandon (Margaret) Cooley, and Shasta. He is also survived by several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Beverly Beard (mother), Ernest Earl Beard (stepfather), and Ernest Keith Cooley (father), as well as his brother, William Beard.

Over the years, Mike worked for a boat company and later at a recycling plant. He had a deep love for the outdoors and enjoyed spending time in the mountains, rock hunting and searching for gold. He also found joy in working with wood, creating unique, one-of-a-kind pieces. In his quieter moments, Mike loved listening to Elvis Presley and watching classic Western movies, especially those starring John Wayne.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at 5380 West 5400 South, Kearns, Utah 84118. Michael will be remembered by those who knew him, and his memory will live on through his family and loved ones.





# Events


**Michael Keith Cooley**

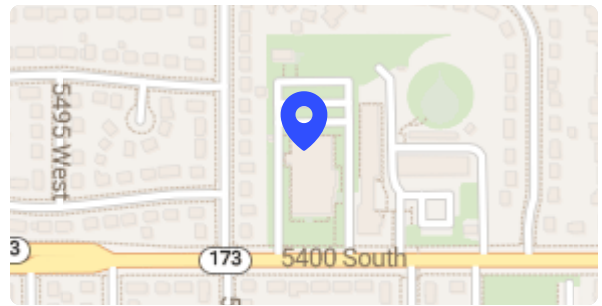
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, January 17, 2026

 11:00 AM MT

 **Kearns Church**  
5380 West 5400 South, Kearns UT 84118





## Tribute Wall

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JJ

**Jody Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Sending thoughts and prayers to Michael's family. Michael had a very kind heart and enjoyed spending time visiting and talking with people and he would always greet others with a smile and a hello. Michael enjoyed watching old western movies and shows with Chuck Norris. He loved music and dancing. Michael loved working with his hands whether it was fixing up old bikes and other items or doing woodwork and wood carvings making tables, lamps and walking sticks, he was a very generous man and would often give away items that he had fixed or created. I was a lucky recipient of a wooden lamp that he had carved characters into the wood and which I displayed in my office for many years. Michael loved the mountains! Michael loved his Mom very much and missed her so very much. I can picture him now up in heaven dancing with his Mom. I am grateful to have known Michael over these many years. Mike will always hold a dear place in my heart.



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JJ

**Jody Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Michael's family. Michael will be greatly missed. Michael had a very kind and giving heart. Michael loved to work with his hands whether doing wood work, wood carving or fixing up bikes and other items. Once the item was fixed up or created he often gave the item away to others. Quite a few years ago I was the lucky recipient of him giving me a hand carved wood lamp that he had made it was a very special gift that I displayed in my office for many years. Michael loved old western movies, shows with Chuck Norris and loved listening to music. He loved to dance! Michael loved the mountains! Michael was always friendly and kind to those he met and enjoyed having others to talk with and visit with. I am grateful to have known Michael over these many years. I can just see Michael now up in Heaven dancing with his Mom who he loved so dearly and missed so very much. Michael will always hold a very dear place in my heart.



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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