



## Michael "Mike" Eugene Tillotson

August 28, 1944 - August 13, 2022

Michael "Mike" Eugene Tillotson was born on August 28, 1944, in Creston, Iowa to Maurice Don Tillotson and Nellie Marie (Hess) Tillotson. He passed from this life on Saturday, August 13, 2022, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 77 years. Mike grew up in Holton, Kansas and graduated with the Holton High School Class of 1963. After high school he enlisted and served his country honorably for 24 years in the United States Navy until his retirement as Chief Petty Officer in 1985. Mike was married on February 25, 1967, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Patti Lou (Krantz) Tillotson. He was a faithful member of St. Henry Catholic Church since moving to Owasso, Oklahoma in 1985. After retirement from the Navy, he was employed by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission for 21 years and retired in 2008. Mike was the First Acting Commander for the Owasso VFW Post 7180 from 1986-1989. In his spare time, Mike enjoyed rebuilding cars, spending time with his family at Grand Lake, and being involved with cowboy action shooting where he was known as "Salty Chief". He also enjoyed the Hot Rod Power Tour where he participated with his son for the past 23 years. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His Wife of over 55 years;

Patti Tillotson

2 Children;

Shawn Tillotson and wife Keri

Shanin Kenney and husband Dan

2 Grandchildren;

Rylee and Hayden Tillotson

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Nellie, and his sister, Sherry.

A memorial service with full Military honors will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2022, at the St. Henry Catholic Church in Owasso with Father Matt La Chance officiating. Services and arrangements were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to please make a donation to the Porta Caeli House. They appreciate your consideration of sending flowers, but the care Mike received at Porta Caeli was outstanding and they would like others to benefit from that care in the future. There is a link to the memorial fund below on this page. Unfortunately we can't remove the "Send Flowers" button from our website so please ignore those. Thank you again.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Eugene Tillotson.*



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August 25, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was a high school classmate and a great friend. We shared a lot of fun and memories, and nearly got ourselves into trouble plenty of times, but the adventures were great. Prayers for Patti and the family that they find peace and comfort in this painful time. 'Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May your perpetual light shine upon him.'*

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**Sharon Proctor Bolling** - August 24, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Eugene Tillotson.*



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August 23, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Eugene Tillotson.*



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August 22, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Eugene Tillotson.*



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August 22, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *May God bless and comfort you, Patti and family. May God's comfort and peace in your time of sorrow. Enjoyed knowing Mike visiting on Grand Lake. Dallas and Rejeania Martin.*

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**Dallas and Rejeania Martin** - August 19, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Dear Patti and Family, I send my sincere sympathy to all of you. I was a classmate from my 8th grade through high school at Holton. Mike was always friendly and pleasant. He will be missed at our reunions, May the Lord give you His comfort. God Bless You, Lesley Walker Hunter*

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**Lesley Walker Hunter** - August 19, 2022 at 09:33 AM

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“ When I was introduced to Mike and Patty I knew he and Patty were very special. Always like hearing his stories. He always had a smile on his face. Sending my sincere sympathy.



Don - August 18, 2022 at 02:32 PM

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“ I work at the Donut shop. We loved Mike so much. He was always smiling. He would come in with his black steel coffee cup and be ready to tell us jokes and get us all laughing. He waved and greeted the little kids and would remember them and their parents. Mike was so special to us. We have missed him so much these last few months. We have been praying for him but also we have been praying for your whole family. Mike is already so so missed. Hugs and prayers from the Donut shop crew.

Alicia - August 18, 2022 at 10:25 AM

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“ I thought Mike had enough enthusiasm, interest in life and others to live 100 lifetimes! So sorry for the loss of your loved one, a great classmate, and sailor well lived!

*Daryl Roller, HHS class of 1963, and Second Class Petty Officer*

Daryl Roller - August 18, 2022 at 08:37 AM

PL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He always had a smile and was friendly with everyone. I never heard anyone say a bad thing about Mike! Sending my sincere sympathy and prayers for all his family. RIP Mike

Pat Barrand Lierz - August 17, 2022 at 01:26 PM

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*Patti, Shawn, and Shanin,  
Bill & I want to express our sympathy to all of you - we prayed for Mike  
so much when he was sick. He can now rest in peace and be out of his  
suffering - love you all! He always had that smile on his face!*  
*Bill & Katy*

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**Katy Rackers** - August 17, 2022 at 06:19 PM