Michael James Wilhoit (1940-2011)



Michael James Wilhoit Beloved father, brother and grandfather Michael "Mike" Wilhoit-Lisenbee, age 70, passed away April, 23, 2011 in Barstow, Calif. He is preceded in death by his parents; father, James H. Wilhoit and his mother, Betty Jean Lisenbee.

Mike was born May 31, 1940 in Barstow, Calif., and graduated from Barstow High with the class of 1958, and was a longtime resident in Barstow, and Pahrump, Nev. He was a locomotive engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad and was a local sign painter for many years.

He enjoyed reading, watching the History Channel, listening to opera music and spending time with family and friends. Mike never met a stranger and will be dearly missed by all.

Mike will be lovingly remembered by his son, Michael "Aaron" Wilhoit, Tiffany Gibbons; daughter, Shannon and husband, Dino Ebel; brother Robert Lisenbee and wife, Colleen; sister, Barbara Richardson; and five grandchildren, Destiny, Samantha, Brady, Trey and Jake. Mike left behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

The family would like to thank all the nurses and staff of Rimrock Villa for the excellent care they gave to our dad during the last few months of his life.

A memorial service will be held Saturday May 21, 2011 at First Baptist Church, 1320 Barstow Road, Barstow Calif. 92311 at 10 a.m. with the reception celebrating his life to follow at the church fellowship hall. Published in the Daily Press on April 30, 2011