

Obituary for Mike Dotten (Copied from the Funeral Home web page)

Michael Papa Mike Dotten - SONORA, CA - Michael Papa Mike Dotten, 75, of Sonora, CA, passed away on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at Landmark Hospital. Mike was born in Detroit, MI to the late Thomas A. & Lelia Adelaide Walker. He was raised in Greensboro, NC by his mom and adopted father, Herb Dotten. He served his country aboard the USS Bugara submarine in the U.S. Navy and often said he had more fun than he deserved. He ran a Volkswagon repair shop, Sonshine Garage, in Tuolumne County, and was the former owner/operator of Alltech Petroleum. He was very involved with his local churches, and his faith was a crucial and integral part of his life. He loved people, enjoyed fishing and was a devoted husband, dad, and grandfather. Survivors include his wife, Sherri Dotten; two daughters and a son-in-law, Chara Shopp, Charity & Thomas Miles; grandchildren, Rebekah, Ruthie, Ray Michael, Declan, and Cullen, and his brother, John Dotten.

The memorial service will be on Sunday, August 14th at 4:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Pooler located at 1115 U.S. Hwy. 80 East, Pooler, GA. - See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/savannah/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=181054127#sthash.LpbwvcFq.dpuf>

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From his daughter Charity's email to me:

We loved hearing his stories about his "sub days" and know it meant a lot to be able to come to the reunion several years ago. He loved y'all very much. Please let me know if there is any information you need.

Other information I have put together:

Mike passed from complications of a brain tumor. From the emails received he fought this for about 2-years. During that time he had various treatments and operations, but his emails were always upbeat and positive.

He was a plank-owner on the Stonewall Jackson (SSBN 634) Blue Crew and served from 1963 to 1965 as an ET2(SS) in the Navigation Department. He also served in USS Baya (AGSS 318), and USS Bugara (SS 331) prior to serving on the Jackson.

I didn't serve with Mike, but met him at a reunion. He was a great guy and very interesting to talk to, and he had fond memories of his time on the Jackson. I'm sure he was a valuable shipmate.

Sailor, rest your oar.