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Smokejumper Obituary

Sessions, Michael Guy (Redmond 1975)

Mike, 65, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, passed away on August 17, 2020, at First Health Hospice House in Pinehurst, NC. He was admitted to the hospital on July 22, 2020, and was shockingly diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer. He was born on February 23, 1955, in Spokane, Washington. Mike graduated from Shadle Park High School in Spokane, WA, in 1973. He attended Wenatchee Valley Jr. College and went on to graduate from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management and Forest Science. He jumped out of Redmond 1975-77 after which he joined the Marine Corps as a 2nd Lt.

Mike loved serving his country and had a distinguished career for twenty years in the Marine Corps. He attended the Army Special Forces qualification course as a Marine Major and was awarded a Green Beret and Army achievement medal. His military education included Amphibious Warfare, USAF Special Operations, International Terrorism, Reconnaissance, and Army Special Forces Green Beret.

After serving in the Marines, Mike worked as a contractor for Army Special Forces Green Beret training and went on to work Northrup Grumman for five years and Gander Mountain for ten years. He retired at 62.

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