

Class of 1972 Updates Archive: July 2008

July 30, 2008 Loyd Shires: When I ran into Mr. Shires at the 2007 Homecoming game, I noticed he looked older, but so did all of us. It never occurred to me as we stood talking about Arvin High School back in the 1970's that this would be the last time I ever saw him. Mike Bhone sent out an email alerting many of us to the passing of Loyd Shires on Wednesday, July 30, 2008. The email noted that the funeral is on Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Greenlawn. I have no other details at this time, but I'm sure there will be an obituary in [The Bakersfield Californian](#) any day. I will try to post it at that time.

David James "Chuncky" Michael
1954 - 2008

David James Michael "Chuncky" Nov. 18, 1954 - July 12, 2008 Chapel services will be held for David James Michael on Friday, July, 18th, at 2:00 p.m., at Greenlawn on River Blvd. for David who passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2008, in Los Angeles. David was born in Bakersfield on November 18, 1954 to Michael J. Michael and Retha Michael. He is preceded in death by his father, Michael J. Michael and mother, Retha Jo Michael. He is survived by his daughter and son- in-law Ashleigh and Rick Hardy; son, Travis J. Michael, brother and sister- in-law, Steve and Brenda Michael; and his grandson, Braxxton James Hardy. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. David attended Arvin High School and graduated in 1972 and shortly after joined the Army and served overseas in Germany for one year. He worked in the trucking business for many years, working for his father at M.J. Michael Trucking and later owning his own business David Michael Trucking. He had a great love for riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and was a member of the HOGS. After a paralyzing accident in 2001 he became an advocate for people with his same condition. He loved the Lord and now has a perfect body once again. A special thanks to the team of the doctors at Northridge Hospital and West Hills Medical Center for all that they did in keeping him as comfortable in his last fight for this past year. Also, Thank You to Jerry Parks for all of the visits and prayers and officiating his service. "Dad we are so proud of you and it is not goodbye, it's I will see you later." We love you and miss you terribly. We will all see you again.

07/15/08 Lunch at Famous Dave's: Last Friday Gary Luckett invited me to lunch at the new Famous Dave's BBQ joint over on Rosedale Highway. Gary runs Cal Bean these days and rarely gets time off at this point in the year, so when I asked, he said he'd worked for six weeks without a day off and decided to take one. At any rate the food was really good and it was good to catch up. With men, if their kids are not in jail and they're working steady, there is not much more to say on that issue, so we talked about work, politics, religion, and the price of diesel. All in all, I had a great time and hope Gary did too. It occurs to me that if any of the rest of you invite me to lunch, I would be willing to write nice things about you too. As I get older I grow increasingly shameless...

07/10/08 In Case You Were Wondering: I work from home a lot of the time and try to get my day completed by noon whenever I can. This leaves me time for important things like cruising through The Goodwill stores and browsing for bargains at Wal-Mart. Since it was 111 degrees here today, I tried to make an afternoon of it in Bakersfield and hit the car wash and Costco for good measure. To get to my original point, I ran into TOM SHELTON'S mom at Wal-Mart. Tom and Rebecca are well and living in Pasco, Washington. I knew they were in Washington, but didn't know the town.

07/01/08 7th Annual AHAA Golf Tournament: On October 4th the AHAA will sponsor its 7th annual alumni golf tournament. If you golf, you should enter a team. If you don't golf, you should come out any way and catch up with some of the 200+ other alumni that will be milling around the Sycamore Canyon Golf Course that morning. The [entry form is available here...](#)