



Larry Mike Stassi

February 10, 1956 - June 13, 2026

Larry M. “Mike” Stassi, 70, of Norfolk, Virginia, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2026, after a prolonged illness.

Born in Ohio in February 1956, Mike spent his childhood in Palmdale, California, before settling in Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Larry Melvin Stassi and Barbara Louise (Cook) Stassi; his sister, Patty Kuykendall; his grandmother, Mary Edna Marchand; and his uncle, William Stassi.

Mike spent much of his working life as a welder at Berkley Machine Works & Foundry in Norfolk, where he dedicated many years of service before retiring. He later joined AutoZone, where he enjoyed connecting with customers and co-workers and forming many new friendships.

A man with a vibrant personality and a heart as big as his smile, Mike was known to many as “Buddah.” He embraced life fully and enjoyed a variety of

hobbies throughout the years. As a young man, he was an avid roller skater who spent countless hours at College Park Skating Rink and Spinning Wheels. He later became passionate about bowling, participating in several leagues at Indian River Bowling Alley and earning recognition as a talented bowler. In his later years, he found great joy in riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. More than anything, Mike treasured the relationships he built along the way. His friendly nature and gift for conversation meant he never met a stranger.

Mike's memory will be forever cherished by his sons, Michael "Andy" Stassi (Amanda) and Christopher Stassi (Sheila); his grandchildren, Jesse Stassi, Devon Stassi, Kylee Barker-Stassi, and Savannah Stassi; along with many extended family members and lifelong friends.

The family sincerely appreciates the prayers, support, and kindness shown during this difficult time.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Affordable Cremations of Virginia. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, with details to be announced by the family.