

Michael Samodurov

October 6th, 1956 – November 18th, 2026

Michael Alexander Samodurov of Port Ludlow, Washington, died November 18, 2026, at St. Michael Medical Center in Silverdale. He was 70.

Mike was born October 6, 1956, in San Francisco, California, to Alexandor and Patricia Alice Samodurov. He grew up in Pacifica, California, and graduated from Terra Nova High School. As a young man he showed a real talent as a painter, in watercolor and acrylic, with subjects ranging from natural scenes and seascapes to architecture, portraiture and science fiction. He also began a lifelong love-hate relationship with auto mechanics and a lasting affinity for electronics and music.

In July 1975 he joined the U.S. Navy and served six years in the submarine force as a nuclear propulsion plant operator, aboard submarines including the USS Sam Houston (SSBN-609) and the USS Aspro (SSN-648). He earned the Good Conduct Medal and the Deterrent Patrol Pin, and was honorably discharged as a Machinist's Mate First Class at Pearl Harbor in 1981.

After the Navy, Mike worked as a reactor operator at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant in Maryland and as a quality-assurance engineer in the nuclear industry, then moved into computing: IT manager for a water district in his hometown of Pacifica, a software developer and consultant, and from 2014 to 2021 a member of the team at Jefferson Transit.

Mike never stopped learning and never lost his curiosity; the path from submarines to reactors to software was proof of it. He hand-crafted guitars, played music with his jam buddies, was an avid machinist, and loved restoring vintage electronics, spending hours at his workbench. His was a life of projects: many started, a few finished, all enjoyed. At the time of his final illness, he was customizing an F-150 for an extended road trip to see the country, watch rockets launch and visit his kids and grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alexandor and Patricia Samodurov

Mike is survived by his children, Alex, Chris, Nic and Rena Samodurov; his grandchildren, Corbin, Maxwell, Ellie and Ava; and his siblings, Cathy, Linda and Jimmy.

At his wish, Mike was cremated. Friends and family will gather at the Keg and I at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 27, for a casual get-together of Mike's local friends to honor him; please bring any photos and fond memories to share. A more formal memorial will be announced when plans are set.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mike's memory to Americans for the Arts at americansforthearts.org.