



J. Michael Medford

August 28, 1950 - September 7, 2024

Michael Medford, longtime resident of Yachats, passed away at his home on September 7, 2024, after a long illness. Michael was born in Commerce Texas, August 28, 1950. He was known in the community as an entrepreneur, who established Yachats Village Rentals and its precursor Murphy's Answer. Michael was preceded in death by his partner Don Juchem who shared their love of the scenic peaceful lifestyle of the Oregon Coast.

Michael is survived by three sisters, one brother, and numerous friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss Michael. May he rest in peace. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy at this time.

linda samman - October 31, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JR

“ I only spoke to Michael in person once, but during two decades of renting vacation homes from him, we shared many chatty emails and occasional phone calls. He was always delightful and helpful. Each visit, when we picked up our keys, we would see his “Welcome home!” message on the envelope and immediately feel truly welcomed into the Yachats village. Michael was a kind, caring person and a wonderful ambassador for Yachats. He will be missed.

Judy Rooks - September 24, 2024 at 01:41 PM

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“Michael and I shared text messages back and forth after renting a summer stay many years ago. My husband, Cappy dog and I visited with Michael every summer. Michael totally enjoyed Cappy and she his sweet gentleness with her.

Michael was the most courageous and persistent person, fighting his cancer and any health complication that came to him. He never gave up pouring energy into being as well as he could be.

We so enjoyed seeing all his train travel memorabilia he and Don collected during their travels. We shared an increasing delight in solar garden decorations after we sent a solar Christmas gift! Michael texted that he had ordered more!

I will miss his health updates and improvement successes, our exchanges on the daily "stuff" and deeply felt angst on the political scene. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of a very dear friend.

Marilynn, Bard and Cappy Zensen

Marilynn Zensen - September 16, 2024 at 02:34 PM

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I met Michael in Austin, Texas during the summer of 1970 while I was attending the University of Texas and we immediately became good friends. On a lark in 1972 or 1973, we made a move to Los Angeles. This is how Michael ended up on the West Coast. He was a delightful, intelligent and caring person. We shared many wonderful memories. It was truly a privilege to have known him. Rest in Peace Michael.

VIC VALDEZ - May 02, 2025 at 07:16 AM