



## Michael Duggan

Michael Duggan, 64, of Newark, passed away May 7 in Hayward after a lengthy illness.

Michael filled his life with family, friends, music and sports among many interests. His greatest joys were playing guitar and singing with his beloved son Alek and friends and playing softball, most recently in several senior softball leagues. Other interests included riding his motorcycle and working in his organic garden. During his life he became a certified SCUBA diver, took sailing lessons, jumped from an airplane, could play guitar and bass, read music, sing, ski, skate, sail, hit a home run, play chess, throw a ringer, fix anything, juggle and was rarely beaten in ping pong or darts.

He was born in San Jose and lived most of his life in the Bay Area. In his late teens he traveled the country hopping freight trains with his faithful dog, finding work as he went. In 1975 he moved to Santa Cruz working to become a licensed general contractor and painting contractor. It was there he met his wife and companion of more than 44 years, Pat Purdy, and became step-father to her daughter Lyssa. In 1977 they moved to Modesto and in 1980 became proud parents of their son Alek.

Michael was generous of spirit, kind, talented, funny and loved to learn about everything. He coached Little League for many years for both Alek and Lyssa and enjoyed travel in Mexico, the Caribbean, Hawaii and Italy.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Purdy, step-daughter Lyssa Schmitt, son Alek Duggan, grandchildren Eric Schmitt, Jessica Kennedy, and Liam Duggan, brothers Jed Duggan and Paul Duggan, sisters Mary Anne Halbeisen and Nancy King and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family is planning a celebration of life in the summer.