

# Michael Eugene Lebo

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## Obituary for Michael Eugene Lebo

Michael Eugene Lebo "Lebo", age 77, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and creativity. Born on December 31, 1946, in Newark, NJ, he grew up in Nutley, NJ, as the only child of Michael and Julia Helen Trechel. Michael's educational journey began at Saint Mary's Grade School, followed by Nutley High School, Newark College of Engineering, and culminating at San Diego State University, where he earned a degree in Electronic Engineering. After a fulfilling 30-year career, Michael retired in the early 2000s. His retirement was filled with adventure and passion; he embraced hobbies such as amateur radio, drone flying, and cruising the world on various ships. Michael lived in several places, including Newark, Nutley, Oahu, Ensenada, San Diego, and Las Vegas.

On May 6, 1972, he married Laurel (Piskula) Lebo in Milwaukee, WI. He is survived by his beloved wife, Laurel, and their children: Eric Lebo, Sara Lebo, Amy Mabale(Xavier) and grandchildren: Michael Paul Mabale, and Edward Xavier Mabale. Michael cherished his special friends, including Allen Moeck, Alexis, Parisioners of St. Columba and St. John's Catholic Church in San Diego, Rhulin Hanna, Ketch Anderson, Vicci Havens and brother Adolfo Mercado.

A devoted Catholic, Michael held strong religious convictions in both the Ukrainian and Roman Catholic traditions. He served honorably in the Navy for six years, earning the rank of E-5 and receiving the Bronze Star and Meritorious Unit Commendation for his service during the Vietnam War. Michael finished his last 2 years on the USS Jouett(DLG-29).

Described by those who knew him as youthful, eccentric, inventive, creative, caring, and compassionate, Michael was a loving father and husband who enjoyed life to the fullest. He was passionate about creating new ideas, helping others, and making lasting friendships. His hobbies included local Ham Radio(Operator N6IEF), sailing,



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kite flying, and drone flying. Michael had a deep appreciation for music, particularly the works of Karen Carpenter, classical music, jazz, and any tunes you could dance to.

Michael Eugene Lebo will be remembered for his vibrant spirit and the joy he brought to those around him. He will be deeply missed.






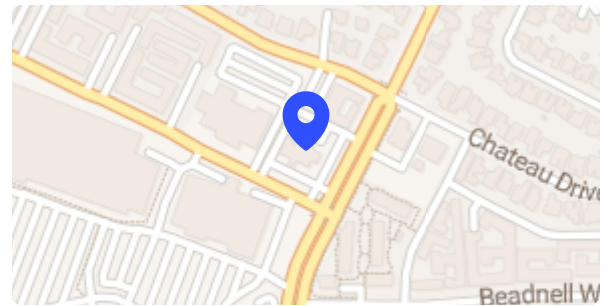
# Events

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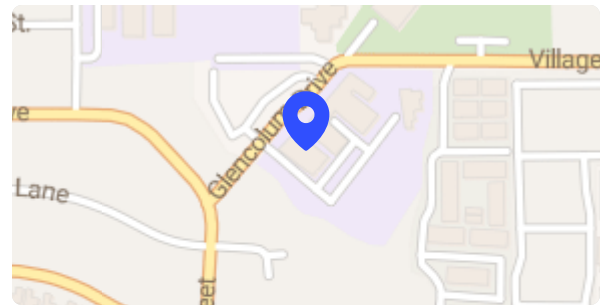
## Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, September 25, 2024
-  5:00 PM - 9:00 PM PT
-  **Clairemont Mortuary**  
4266 Mt Abernathy Ave, San Diego CA 92117







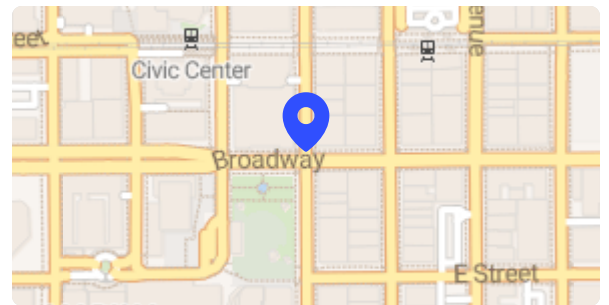
## Funeral Mass

-  **Thursday**, September 26, 2024
-  10:00 AM - 11:15 AM PT
-  **St. Columba Parish**  
3327 Glencolum Dr., San Diego CA 92123




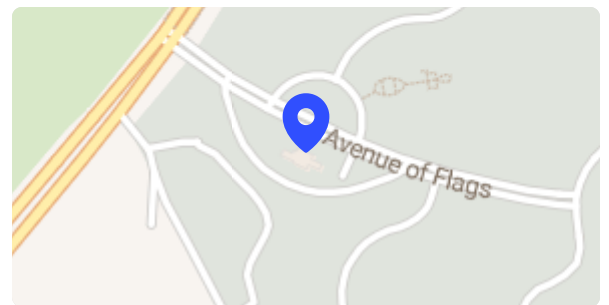
## Burial Service

-  **Thursday**, September 26, 2024
-  1:15 PM - 2:00 PM PT
-  **Miramar National Cemetery**  
San Diego CA
-  US NAVY Honors



## Cemetery Details

-  **Miramar National Cemetery**  
5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 CA





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**Dennis Waldrop** posted:

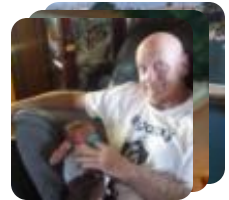
"Michael has been a part of our lives for over 50 years. A fellow shipmate on board the USS Jouette and a good friend that was always there if we needed him. We shared our families growing up together and feel their loss. We send our love, thoughts and prayers to them all.with love and sympathy,Dennis and Judith Waldrop

September 23 at 9:51 AM

EH

**Eric Lebo His Son** shared 2 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

He also loved the beach, snorkel diving and times in Hawaii.



September 10 at 3:03 PM

GW

**Greg Wawrzyniak** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Over the last 30 years Mike became a regular and a legend among local inventors. He was known inside the inventor community for his truly astonishing and selfless endeavors. He loved to share cutting edge discoveries and technologies as much as he loved to surprise others with what was hiding behind his simple and unassuming persona. His incredible mind and colorful personality will be forever missed and remembered.Greg Wawrzyniak (President)San Diego Inventors Forum



September 11 at 7:05 AM

MV

**Maureen Valley** posted:

I'm at Lebo on a cruise ship sailing through the Panama Canal last year. We would meet in the afternoon for cocktails with a group of other like-minded people. Lebo was an inspiration and I learned so much from him. We had stayed in touch over the past few months and I was following his travels With great interest. RIP, my friend the world is a sadder place without you. You brought light and love into everything you did.

September 10 at 9:02 PM

ES

**Eric Lebo His Son** September 13 at 2:55 PM

Thank you Maureen for allowing my dad bring joy into your life. He loved talking to people and telling his stories. Inventing himself in to a new character for the world to see.



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AB

**Alex Burwasser** posted:

I first met Mike in 1978 at OAR Corp and stayed in touch with him over the years. Mike was promoted to engineer before he left OAR in 1979. I remember Mike as having a very creative mind and being able to "think out of the box". During the following years, I always enjoyed our correspondence and my visits. Mike will be missed.. Alex Burwasser

September 10 at 7:14 PM

ES

**Eric Lebo His Son** September 13 at 2:59 PM

I remember him talking about you in the past. He was inventive to the end, even inventing himself in his later years.

AG

**Alexis Gabrielle** posted:

I met Lebo 4 years ago. I was homeless and met them at a support group for the San Diego Community. We formed a friendship that grew into a special bond. Lebo mentored me, helped me with mathematics, & showed me how to achieve more than what I had in that present moment. They became my life coach, Sobriety sponsor, my cheerleader. Lebo helped start an Easter Egg drive for a Drug Rehab called " Stepping Stone ", donated a lot of clothing to the less fortunate, helped raise money for the nonprofit organization The Imperial Court de San Diego. We shared many days laughing and driving around in the Tesla " adventures " in their words. Many loved how they approached life dancing with the younger generation, telling jokes & helping a group of ladies struggling with mental health by taking them on drives up the coast. Their motto was " Life is too short to sit around and allow time to pass by. We must live, laugh and Dance" Whether they were on land or at sea traveling the world they always made time to attend Mass and Pray for every meal. This is one of the characteristics that made LEBO SHINE. Lebo is MY FIRST FRIEND here in San Diego, Lebo is and always will be MY BEST FRIEND.

September 10 at 6:06 PM

ES

**Eric Lebo His Son** September 13 at 3:12 PM

I never understood why my dad reinvented himself in that transgender universe but I know my dad love to invent things. I guess inventing a new personality to out to those in life who are often looked over upon was his way of bringing joy and hope to their lives. His way of bringing the light of Christ into their lives. Now I get it dad. I always knew you knew you was the man God created to be but sometimes you have to reinvent yourself to reach those who are most in need. Sort of like Christ did and just like Christ you came into this world naked and you left this world naked.



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**Michele F.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



September 10 at 3:35 PM



**Denny Dunne** posted:

Lebo was a wonderful part of our 7 Am weekday mass. He will be missed.

September 10 at 3:03 PM



## Media

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**Eric Lebo His Son** shared 2 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 13 at 4:52 AM

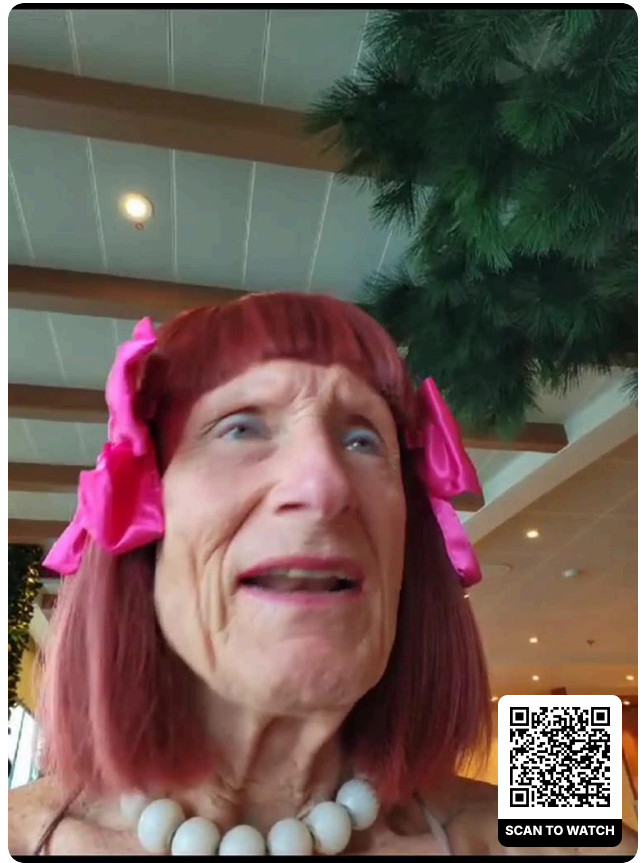




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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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