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MICHAEL GITTELSON OBITUARY

March 17, 1949 - July 12, 2022 Michael passed away peacefully with Tina, his wife, and Max, his son, at his side.

Born in Minneapolis Minnesota, Michael was the eldest of four sons of parents Arnold and Pat Gittelsohn. After his first four years of life in the land of 10,000 lakes, the family moved to California to settle in the booming postwar San Fernando Valley. The family grew with the arrival of his brothers Ron, Bob, and Mark. While his father Arnie was busy building and growing Morgan Fabrics, the family textile business, his mother Pat was busy raising the four boys at home. Michael spent his time immersed in the car, surf and psychedelic culture of 1960's Los Angeles. He had many "bitchin" and "far out" experiences throughout his youth including being introduced to the practice of Nichiren Buddhism. This became a huge part of his spiritual identity throughout his life and helped guide him through his final days. Never a big fan of school and authority, Michael entered the working world in his early twenties when he was groomed by his father as a salesman for Morgan Fabrics. After several years working and living in the Pacific Northwest as a sales rep for Morgan, Michael moved back to Los Angeles and continue working for Morgan. At this time he met his beautiful future wife, Tina. They were married in May 1978 and spent the first 10 years of married life working, traveling and spending time with family and friends sans child. That all changed in 1988 when Michael and Tina's first and only child, Max, was born. Michael was excited to be a father and couldn't wait to share many life experiences with his son. In 1991 Michael became business partners with his father and they led Morgan Fabrics together. Michael grew the company immensely from a leading domestic wholesale supplier of upholstery goods to an international giant in the textile industry. He had great foresight in what would become trends in the textile industry and applied his creative genius towards design and quality. He was also at the forefront of recognizing and realizing the untapped economic and financial potential that China would have in helping to grow Morgan. He spent over two decades establishing relationships in China growing the business to heights never imagined by his father before him. In

time, Shanghai became Michael's second home and Morgan Fabrics of Shanghai was established. Away [×] from work Michael enjoyed many years of traveling, fine dining, art and photography, concerts, theater, skiing, racing sports cars and fishing. Recently Michael relished living and relaxing at the beach as well as being out on the ocean in his boat with friends and family. Michael was a force of nature that lived life by his own rules and left a lasting impression with all that knew him. Michael is survived by his wife Tina, his son Max Gittelsohn and his wife Sara and (soon to be born) grandson Noah, his brother Bob and wife Angela, Cousin Steven Gittelsohn and his wife Myah.

Services and internment will be held at Mt. Sinai Hollywood Hills, Sunday July 17th at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful for donations to

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