

## **Mike Morelli**

**Born: November 15, 1910    Died: September 13, 1970**

**Mike Morelli was the second son and the fourth child born to Caterina and Gaetano Morelli in Green River, Utah November 15, 1910. He passed away September 13, 1970 after a 3 month battle with cancer. Mike was a curious man with a scientific mind. He loved a challenge, or even a dare. Mike loved people, especially children. All his days, when there were gatherings, he was always found entertaining the children rather than conversing with the adults.**

**As a young boy, Mike fell in love with nature, geology and exploring. He loved playing in the Green River with his brothers and sisters. He could often be found fishing with Uncle Louie, and as a result, missed a spot in the family photo with his brothers and sisters, Mike worked hard, helping his family anyway that he could. When the family moved to Salt Lake City, he put in his fair share of hard labor on the "family farm", and implemented the value of honest, hard work the rest of his days.**

**In the early 1930's, Mike was introduced, through a mutual friends, to a spectacular young girl Verna Larsen, a housekeeper from Malad, Idaho, would be the girl Mike would stay together with for the rest of his life. Mike and Verna were married September 17, 1931 in Farmington, Utah. The young couple had interests in many of the same activities. They loved to take drives in the mountains, visit with family members and of course, they loved to bowl!**

**Mike had been working on the railroad with his father and brothers and learned many skills due to his probing mind. He entered into boiler-making apprenticeship in 1934 and successfully completed in 1939. He started his work as a foreman, was promoted to superintendent and then again promoted to an erector. Mike constructed all over the United States. While he was a superintendent in Montana, his brothers Frank and Henry were working along his side. His youngest brother Kenny wanted to be a part of the team but was too young, so Mike the superintendent, altered Kenney's age on his transcripts and Kenny had a job.**

**In 1934, Verna and Mike had their first baby boy and they named him Mike. Mike jr. only lived 6 months and died of what was believed to be pneumonia. Two years later on August 30, 1936 a second son, Ralph, (who is namesake of Uncle Ralph Morelli) was born on the kitchen table of their duplex behind Della's home. In continuing the Morelli tradition of sons, their third son, Guy, (who is namesake of Mike's father Gaetano) was born April 6, 1941.**

When World War 11 began, Mike tried enlisting in the armed forces to aid in the defense of his Country, however, the U.S. Government declined his request. The Government believed his mind to be too critical and forced him to serve at a nuclear plant in the North. Mike was always thinking and he was curious about every subject, which enabled him to converse on basically ever level.

Mike enjoyed many hobbies in his lifetime. He was an accomplished horseman, who at 55 years of age was still breaking them in. He loved to fish and anyone was welcome to go with him as long as they were up by 3 a.m. Polishing stones was another hobby and he would make beautiful jewelry from the polished stones. Mike was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason, which is the highest degree in the Scottish Rite. Mike loved prospecting and he even had a small mine in Ruth, Nevada, which he mined by hand. The Government happened to own the land the mine sat on, so Mike would renew his contract with them yearly. One day, one of his partners mouthed off in a nearby saloon telling how rich the land was going to be. An affiliate of the Government caught wind of this and; to no one's surprise, the Government did not renew his contract. Currently there resides an open-pit copper mine comparable to Kennecott.

Mike was a spiritual man who was one with God through nature. He was non-judgmental and always fought for the underdog. He was a daredevil and loved to take risks. He would never back down from anything. To coin his favorite saying; "You may take the steer, but I'm going to get a few steaks."

Being the oldest living brother made Mike the family patriarch and a great one at that. Nearly the entire family lived within a six-block radius from one another, making it convenient to visit. In 1957, the construction on I-15 began and some of the homes were torn down, including Della's which was the hub, This concerned Mike, he thought the family would separate, so he came up with the idea of a family reunion some years later, Mike, Emery, Carl and Margie Ventura Caley started the first committee for annual "Family Reunion" and honoring Mike's dying wish to keep the family relationship alive.

Everyone loved Mike and Mike loved everyone. He had a gift for reaching inwardly to people, especially children, He was intelligent, creative and bold. He would have been so proud of his his little family that is still growing. To this date, he has four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, who hold strong to his request of "keeping the family close",

**STATE OF UTAH**  
**CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD**

*Birth Mike Morelli*

UTAH STATE DIVISION OF HEALTH  
**AFFIDAVIT TO AMEND A RECORD**

09-06-226A

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LOCAL CERTIFICATE NUMBER

BIRTH     DEATH     FETAL DEATH

STATE CERTIFICATE NUMBER

INFORMATION AS REPORTED ON THE ORIGINALLY REGISTERED CERTIFICATE	1A. FIRST NAME <b>Mike</b>		1B. MIDDLE NAME	1C. LAST NAME <b>Morelli</b>	
	2. SEX <b>Male</b>	3. DATE OF EVENT <b>Nov. 14, 1909</b>	4. PLACE OF OCCURRENCE CITY AND COUNTY <b>Green River, Emery</b>		
	5. NAME OF FATHER <b>Joe Morelli</b>		6. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <b>Katherine Ventura</b>		
ELEMENT OF AMENDMENTS	7. ITEM NUMBER	7A. FACTS EXACTLY AS STATED ON THE ORIGINAL RECORD		7B. FACTS AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN STATED ON THE ORIGINAL AT THE TIME OF OCCURRENCE	
		<b>Date of Birth: November 14, 1909</b>		<b>Nov - 15 1910</b>	
WHY IS CHANGE NECESSARY?	<i>To correct Birth Certificate</i>				
FIRST SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT	I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have personal knowledge of the above facts and that the information given above is true and correct.			Subscribed & sworn to before me this <u>20<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>Sept</u> 19 <u>70</u>	
	10. SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT <i>Emery Amorelli</i>		11. DATE SIGNED <i>9/20/70</i>		Notary Public <i>Ralph A. Child</i> Residence <i>D.L.C. UT</i> My commission expires <i>12/29/70</i>
	12. AGE OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT <i>58</i>	13. RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT TO THE PERSON WHOSE RECORD IS BEING AMENDED <b>BROTHER.</b>			
	14. ADDRESS OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT (STREET, CITY, STATE) <b>1309 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE - SALT LAKE CITY, UT.</b>				
SECOND SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT	I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have personal knowledge of the above facts and that the information given above is true and correct.			Subscribed & sworn to before me this <u>20<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>Sept</u> 19 <u>70</u>	
	15. SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING AFFIDAVIT <i>Louis Ventura</i>		16. DATE SIGNED <i>9/20/70</i>		Notary Public <i>Ralph A. Child</i> Residence <i>S.L.C. UT</i> My commission expires <i>12/29/70</i>
	17. AGE OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT <i>76</i>	18. RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT TO THE PERSON WHOSE RECORD IS BEING AMENDED <b>UNCLE</b>			
	19. ADDRESS OF PERSON COMPLETING THE AFFIDAVIT (STREET, CITY, STATE) <b>260 BAIRD AVE</b>				
FOR USE OF STATE OR LOCAL REGISTRAR	20. DATE ACCEPTED <i>Sept. 21, 1970</i>	21. OFFICE OF THE STATE OR LOCAL REGISTRAR <i>John E. Brockard, Jr.</i>			

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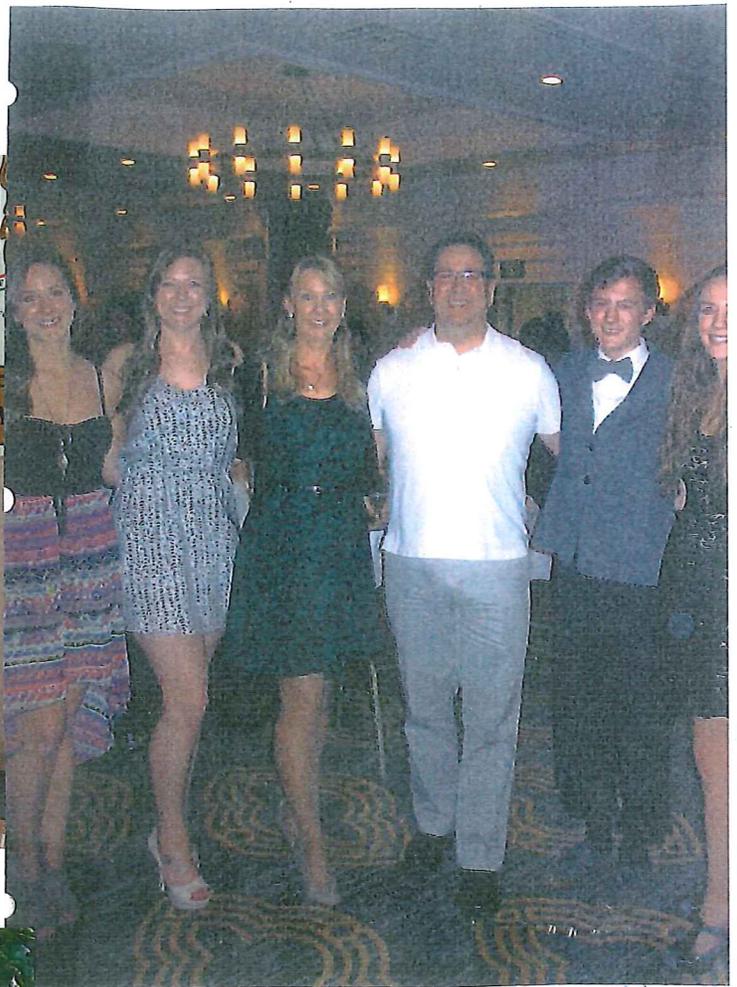


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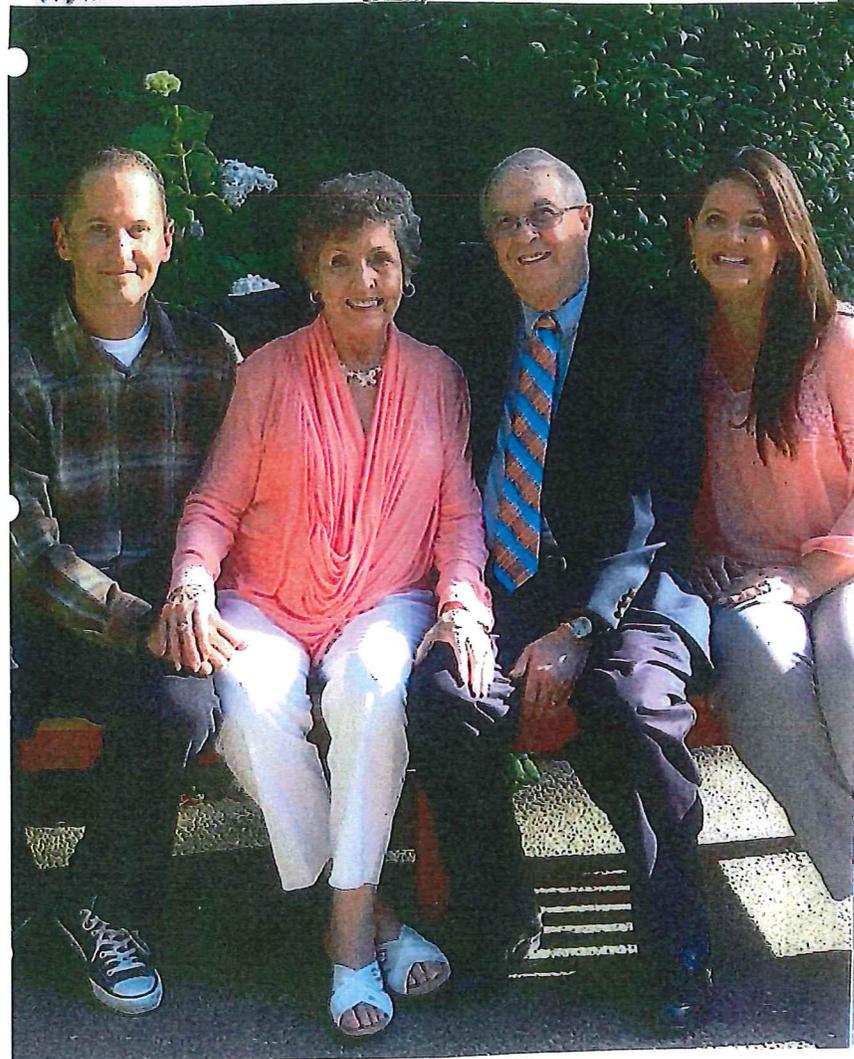




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Daniel  
Michelle



Tony  
Jane  
Guy  
Michelle



Mike  
Verna



*This Certifies that*

*Mike Morelli* of *Salt Lake City, in the State of Utah*  
 and *Verna M. Lassen* of *Salt Lake City in the State of Utah*  
 were by me joined together in *Holy Matrimony* according to the Ordinance of God and the  
 laws of the State of Utah, at *Farmington City, in said County, on the 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*of September* in the year of Our Lord *One Thousand Nine Hundred and thirty One*

*In the presence of*

*Zada Waite*

WITNESS

*Helen May Miller*

WITNESS

*Quigley Cannon*  
*my Elder of the Church*  
*of Jesus Christ of L.D.S.*

*September 17<sup>th</sup> 31*

LICENSE ISSUED BY THE CLERK OF DAVIS COUNTY

**Descendants of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli**

**Mike Morelli**

**B: Nov. 15, 1910---D: Sept. 13, 1970**

**son** of Gaetano and Caterina "Ventura" Morelli



**Brother** of Fortunata, Michael, Della, Emery, Frank, Henry, Carl, Lillian Marie & Kenneth

**Husband** of Verna "Larsen" Morelli

**Grandfather** of Mark, Suzanne Michelle & Anthony Morelli.

**Great Grandfather** of Forest, Twyla & Arianne Morelli, Brittany, Demi, Mallory & Daniel Miles & Karleigh Taylor.

**Great, Great Grandfather of** Nadia Kureghian and Octavia Annalee Willis,

Gaetano Morelli & Caterina Ventura  
B 08-24-1877 M 01-24-1914 B 05-02-1884  
D 11-10-1941 D 05-04-1929

Mike Morelli & Verna "Larsen" Morelli Family  
B 11-15-1910 M 09-17-1931 B 10-12-1910  
D 09-13-1970 D 06-09-2004  
2 Children

1 Ralph Morelli & Marian "Spurling" Morelli  
B 08-30-1936 M 10-22-1960 B 03-25-1937  
D D 02-13-2009  
2 Children

2 Guy Morelli & Jane "Cobble" Morelli  
B 04-06-1941 B 09-27-1940  
M 06-27-1965 D 04-04-2018  
D 2 Children

1 Mark Morelli  
B 09-03-1961 M 08-30-1991  
D Kathy Greig  
B 02-17-1964  
D 2 Children

2 Suzanne Morelli  
B 04-20-1967 M 08-30-1907  
D Daniel Miles  
B 09-13-1962  
D 4 Children

2 Anthony Morelli  
B 12-31-1973 M 09-11-1992  
D Ashley Wilhite  
Div. 08-16-2010

1 Michelle Morelli  
B 09-27-1969 M 06-24-2000  
D Gene Taylor  
B 01-05-1964  
D 3 Children

1 Twylah Morelli  
B 07-16-1998  
M D Single

1 Demetre Miles  
B 03-12-1989 M 06-20-2014  
Raffi Kureghian  
B 12-03-1980  
1 Child

1 Arianna Morell  
B 02-23-1996  
M D  
Mother Christie Stanwich and her father Anthony Morelli never married

1 Karleigh Jane  
B 01-17-2005  
Natural Child

2 Forest Morelli  
B 10-25-1994  
M D Single \*

1 Nadia Michelle  
B 04-18-2017

1 Sean Taylor  
B 03-17-1991  
Single Stepchild

2 Brittany Miles & Kendall Fujioke  
B 06-05-1990 B 01-14-1990  
M 04-05-2018  
D No Children

3 Mallory Miles & Celeb Willis  
B 08-07-1992 B 06-24-199  
Never Married

2 Shannon Taylor  
B 06-16-1992  
Single Strepchild

1 Octavia Annalee  
B 12-28-2014

Mallory Miles & Jaimee Flores  
B 08-07-1992 B 10-03-1988  
M 10-22-2018 No Children

4 Daniel Miles  
B 05-13-1998  
Single