

TOKAR, MICHAEL BENNET

November 3, 1955 - September 9, 2010

Born in Pittsburgh, PA to Milan and Geri Tokar.

At 3, Michael moved to Fresno, CA where he developed his passion for ice skating. At 12, he studied with Jimmy Grogan in Lake Tahoe and graduated from Truckee High School. His breathtaking talent took his journey to Long Beach, Denver, New York, Italy and he eventually turned professional, skating in Italy and Spain in numerous competitions, the Ice Capades in the U.S. and New York as a coach.

Michael's passion for beauty took form in recent years through design work in Los Angeles where he remodeled homes, commercial spaces and assisted in the restoration of the Pantages Theater. Michael developed his own unique style always incorporating fantasy into his environments.

He will be remembered for his humor, generosity of spirit and kindness to those in need.

Michael is preceded in death by his mother Geri and survived by his father Milan, brother Robert, cousin Amanda Golding, cousin Nancy Kilgore and her husband Gary, Uncle Francis Tokar and his wife Marlene as well as numerous cousins. He will be greatly missed.

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