

## Forever In Our Hearts

As many of you know, Mike never wanted to go to a Hospice. Instead, he had Hospice come to him! On July 10, 2006, just a little less than a week after the last ALS Adventures, Mike and Susan made the decision to stop nutrition. Meaning, Mike would only be receiving water with his meds. No food.

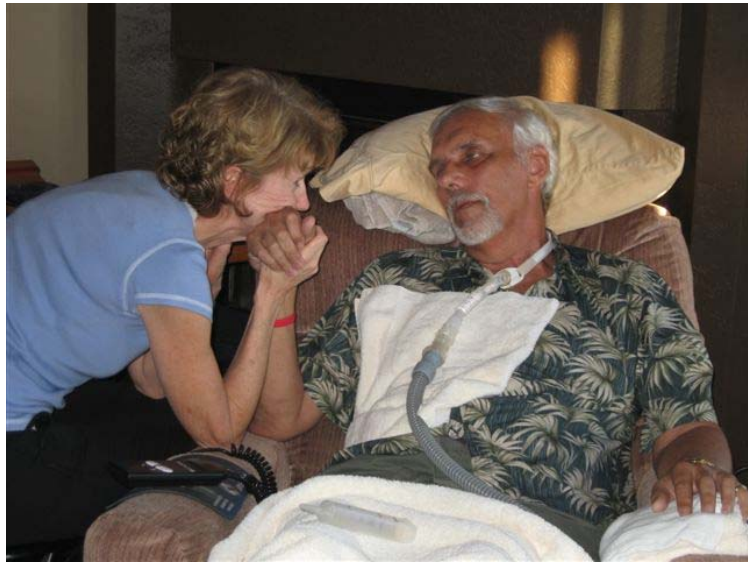
Family, friends and Associates began pouring into the house in Seal Beach to spend time with Mike and Susan. And Mike loved every minute of it! There were lots of laughs, smiles and tears. It was wonderful to reminisce from years past and see the smile on Mike's face.

If you recall, in the last ALS Adventures, Mike mentioned how Jesse, his son-in-law and he had one of those razzmatazz handshakes. And if you knew Mike, you know he wouldn't have let ALS stop him from one more special handshake.



**Jesse and Mike.**

As the days continued on, Mike never lost his sense of humor. One day when it was



**Mike and Susan.**

particularly hot, Mike was down to a towel covering his unmentionables. In conversation, someone asked why he wasn't completely covered up, to which his best friend, Mike Butler responded, "Oh, Mike likes to be naked, everybody get naked!" While Butler pretended to undress, Mike actually grabbed his towel. Susan and Josie jumped, thinking he was actually going to remove it and everyone started laughing. Mike had a big smile on his face.

Even though at times it was difficult to communicate, Mike always found a way. He liked to give a wink to a few of his female visitors.

And that was Mike. He had a special way of making each one of us laugh and touching our hearts.

Mike passed away peacefully on July 21, 2006. He was looking into his wife Susan's eyes when he went. Anybody that knows Mike and Susan knows what love the two of them shared.

In case you were wondering, Mike did get his request for a red casket. And wouldn't you know, he even picked out the exact shade he wanted. That was Mike! Always planning!

Although this is the last issue of Mike's ALS Adventures, we hope everyone continues to learn more about ALS. You can do so by logging onto the ALS Association's website at [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org). You can find all of the ALS Adventures at [www.justiceassociates.com](http://www.justiceassociates.com).



**Mike with his son, Jason and his daughter, Alicia.**