

## Michael Warner Tabler, LtCol USAF (Ret)



Michael Tabler, 83, passed away June 12, 2026, surrounded by the love of family and friends whose lives were forever enriched by his presence.

Mike lived a life marked by service, dedication, adventure, and deep love for those around him. He proudly served his country as a Decorated Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force earning the distinguished flying cross and many other medals. Mike was an RC-135 pilot at Kadena Air Base and Offutt Air Force Base.

Following his military career, he continued to stay active and engaged in his community through work as a realtor, part owner of Progressive Park, and later as a bus driver.

Whatever role he held, Mike believed in working hard, treating people well, and finding joy along the way. Mike had a passion for life and embraced it fully. He always made his wife, children and grandchildren feel special. With Wendy, he shared many special firsts as his first little sidekick, including her first horses, scuba diving adventures, driving his Buick, and the joy of welcoming his first grandchild. With Ed, he shared his love of anything involving motors, tools, flying and

hands-on projects. With Mandy, time spent in the water and supporting her many hobbies even as far as getting his CDL to drive the bus to high school activities. He and his beloved wife enjoyed attending plays and musicals together, singing in choir, and creating cherished memories through their shared love of church and community. With his 10 grandchildren and with his many friends, whatever talents or interests they shared, Mike always encouraged them and helped them shine.

Above all else, Mike treasured his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who made people feel safe, valued, and loved. His faith was an important part of his life, and he was an active member of his church family and organizations such as Optimist International and Teammates where he enjoyed serving others and building lasting friendships.

Mike's legacy is one of kindness, service, faith, laughter, and love. He will be remembered not only for what he accomplished, but for the way he made others feel—welcomed, supported, and deeply cared for. He shared what he loved, and he loved sharing it. Whether teaching a skill, offering encouragement, lending a hand, or simply spending time with those around him, Mike found joy in helping others discover the things that brought him joy. His family finds comfort in knowing that his example of hard work, generosity, and joy will continue to inspire all who knew him.

He will be dearly missed and forever loved. Mike is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sue; children Wendy Renter (Brian), Edward Tabler (Heather), Amanda Wiederholt (Jason); grandchildren Robert Casto, Quinton Tabler, Ava Tabler, Amber Renter, Megan Kessler, Nellie Renter, Cole Tabler, Lilia, Dietrich and Jolene Wiederholt. Preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Margery Tabler; sister Meg Ann Tabler.

Memorial Service: Thursday, June 18, 2026, 11:00 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 1220 Bellevue Boulevard South, Bellevue, NE 68005.

Place of Rest: Thursday, June 18, 2026, 2:30 p.m., Omaha National Cemetery

Military Honors: Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard.

To view a live broadcast of the service, please click on the "Live Cast" option in the above menu.

Memorials: First Presbyterian Church / [www.bellevuefpc.org](http://www.bellevuefpc.org)