

Mike was born in Berkeley, CA in 1942. He had two brothers and a sister. He joined the Air Force in 1961 and began his truck driving career. In the Air Force, he hauled fuel for fueling planes. He also hauled explosives during the Vietnam War for the federal government. Mike has four kids. He has three girls. He says he is thankful to God that none of them are married to truck drivers!!! He also has one son Mike Niel Jr. who also drives at Oakley. When Mike is not driving his truck, he enjoys watching sports and mostly west coast teams like the San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants, and the Golden State Warriors. When asked if he could have any career besides driving a truck what would he do, Mike surprisingly said that he loves driving a truck and will die doing it. Mike said the three best things that have happened since he has been driving a truck is a GPS, a cell phone, and the internet as far as he is concerned. Mike loves working with Oakley and is grateful to his son for recruiting him over here. He is amazed at how great of a company that Oakley is. He has done better with Oakley and made more money than he ever has before. Even though he has never really had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Benny other than handshakes and smiles, he thinks that the reason Oakley is so professional is because of him and the way he interacts with and understands the drivers. Mike has met a lot of the owner operators that are leased on to Oakley and feels that 95% of them are top-notch. Lastly, but certainly not least, Mike wanted to talk about how great of a dispatcher he has. Even though he "sure he can be a little ornery at times, he thinks Bryan is the best damn dispatcher there is. He got lucky getting assigned to his services." He followed that by saying, " You can believe that, I am too old to lie." Speaking for Mr. Benny, Bryan and the rest of the people here at Oakley, I can say that we are proud to have Mike as a part of the Oakley family and you can believe me because I am too old to lie too, when I say he is a part of that percentage that is TOP-NOTCH.



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BOTTOM

Mike Niel Sr.
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Been an owner operator with Oakley since July of 2012

