



Michael "Mike" Earl Flippo

October 22, 1951 - January 9, 2022

Michael (Mike) Earl Flippo, age 70, of Powder Springs, formerly of Carbon Hill, AL, passed away unexpectedly January 9, 2022. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Willodean (Clowers) Goodman and Edward Earl Flippo, and by his stepfather, Jesse Goodman. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Cheryl; two daughters, Michele (Joe) Bolduc and Melissa (Dustin) Agnes; grandchildren Liam, Billie, Oliver, and Lottie; siblings Judy Flippo Head, Terry Goodman, Tracey Goodman Whitley, and Jimmy Goodman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike graduated from Avondale High School (GA) in 1970. After graduation, he served two years in the US Marine Corps. He was hired as a veteran at IBM, where he started by packing and shipping parts and worked his way up to a systems analyst. He retired from IBM in 2008.

Mike will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, sibling, uncle, and friend with a good sense of humor. He played high school football and later played and coached flag football for many years. He was also an amateur movie buff with an excellent memory for details – he could and would tell you everything about a movie, as well as the actors in it. The same with music – he listened to a wide variety of music and never forgot a beat. He loved his grandkids and enjoyed watching his grandsons play baseball on the weekends. He liked to sit on the beach to watch the waves or sit outside listening to music. He did not want much – a simple man that enjoyed life. He will be missed tremendously.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 29 at 11:00AM, at Mayes-Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home Macland Chapel with Rev. Barry Lancaster officiating. Family will receive visitors between the hours of 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. A Celebration of Life gathering will immediately follow at his home in Powder Springs. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Mike's name to the charity of your choice. Arrangements made under the caring guidance of Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home and Crematory Macland Chapel in Powder Springs (770)943-1511 www.mayeswarddobbins.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Macland Chapel
3940 Macland Road
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael "Mike" Earl Flippo*



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - January 29 at 10:55 AM



“ *Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael "Mike" Earl Flippo*



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - January 26 at 12:40 PM

“ Memories, God's little gift to allows us to be threaded together with those who have went ahead of us.



As long as we have and keep these memories with us, we will always walk with them and they'll always be apart of us.

Michael was always a larger than life character of the Flippo-Goodman clan. He was a natural born protector, God blessed him with comedic relief, humility, love.

Mike's superpower was the ability to make you laugh. I'll always remember this part of his life.

He grew up loving his big sister, they were two peas in their very own pod, his family grew and Michael became the protector of two more brothers and another sister. Then the family grew once again, and Michael became the protector of sister in laws. He was a husband to a lovely wife for forty five years and the Dad to not one but two beautiful red heads. He was a devoted grandfather- having two handsome grandsons and two lovely granddaughters, he shared stories and perspectives about his grandchildren, you could hear the love in his voice.

Michael lived a life second to none, and moreover one of great substance. I'll always remember this part of his life.

When I first met my husband and we were dating he always spoke of his big brothers and sisters with such admiration. Then when I met them all, I could see why he spoke of them with such love.

With Michael he spoke of playing, watching, and debating none other than football. He had wonderful stories that were filled with so much laughter, love and life, Terry was fortunate because he spoke of loving memories about his family, he spoke of memories of each of his siblings and they had wonderful lives. I was envious at times. I'll always remember this part of Terry's life.

Only having siblings that were younger than me, marrying into the family - it was nice to inherit big brothers and sisters. Michael made it easy to blend into the family, and how it felt to have an older brother. He and I shared the love of dancing, movies, and music. So we always had a lot to talk about. He was fun in life, and I know he has them dancing and laughing in heaven.

He always reminded me of a young Chevy Chase, and he could always make you laugh, often at difficult moments- a gift that God only gives to a few, and he blessed Michael with that special gift.

When my father passed away, my big brothers from the South came to help me through the hardest thing in my world, and I'll never forget that they came because of the love they had for me, and knowing how hard it would be for me.

We will always carry Michael Earl in our hearts, memories and on our minds, as he was always a much bigger character than perhaps he even realized.

The memory that'll always stay with me is...

I'll miss the phone calls - every phone call was the same. I always laughed.

I'd answer the phone...

Michael: PRINCESS (yes he would yell)

Princess: MICHAEL (yes, I always responded the same)

Michael: Is Terry there?

Princess: Yes, but you know you're calling my phone, Terry has his own phone - do you have his number?

Michael: Yes, I have it - but he never answer it- so I call you, you always answer



Princess: hold on I'll get him. I'd pass the phone to Terry, say it's Mike.

And as I walked away I always heard as I left the room...

Terry: MICHAEL EARL....

Michael Earl - may you be dancing in the streets of gold for all your days - with love and admiration brother ❤️ You'll never be forgotten.

Princess Goodman - January 29 at 11:45 AM

TG

“ Mike was the oldest of my brothers, so he had an important role in our lives. As a young boy, I always looked up to Mike and knew that he would be there when I needed him. When I was 16, I wrecked the car on Chapel Hill Road, Princess was in the car. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but car was a different story. I avoided hitting a brick mailbox head on, but it caused damage down most of the passenger side. Dad was going to go ballistic when I got home. I stopped at the first pay phone and called Mike. He calmed me down and asked me if we were okay. I told him that I was scared to go home. He said that he would meet me at the house. I went to the movie theater where I worked. Alan, Douglas County sheriff, worked security on the weekend. I told him what happened. He said that I needed to go to the house tomorrow and talk the the homeowner and assess the damage. I told him I would. By the time, I dripped Princess off and got home. Mike’s car was in the driveway. I knew everything was going to be okay, and I wouldn’t get by butt whipped and be grounded until I was 21. I cautiously opened the door. Mom and Mike were sitting on the couch and dad was in his chair. He asked me how bad was the car. I told him pretty bad. He said we would go find the house in the morning and talk the the owner. There were ruts in the yard. The mailbox was still standing, but bricks everywhere. My dad told him to get everything fixed and let him know how much it was going to cost, and he would pay for it. That was it. Mike did it! I’ll never forget that. Now, Jimmy has that responsibility, and I know he will be there for me always. I will always remember you Mike. Love our baby brother forever. Terry

Terry Goodman - January 29 at 09:10 AM

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I noticed that I fat thumbed a couple of words. The tears didn’t help.

Terry Goodman - January 29 at 09:14 AM

DT

“ I’m sorry about Mike and I’m also sorry I’ve been out of touch for so long. I’ve been off Facebook more than I have on it. I travel a lot now but I’ll try to get in touch soon. I love you all. Don.

Don Tittle - January 27 at 10:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Earl Flippo.



January 27 at 07:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Earl Flippo.



January 26 at 03:32 PM



“ 155 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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