



## Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris

January 22, 1962 - April 21, 2026

Mike Morris, age 64, was born on January 22, 1962 and passed away on April 21, 2026. While his given name was Michael Wayne Morris, he was also lovingly known as "Mike, Daddy, Unc, Mikey Ray and PaPaw". His life was full of love. He was a cowboy in the very early years chasing his parents on the rodeo circuit. As he grew up, his childhood was full of baseball, dirt bikes, camping, dune buggies, playing football for LHS Tigers and severe amounts of mischief. His friend Albert says he simply cannot disclose all of the antics but most were at least lawful. He fell in love with music and was an avid guitar picker. He could sing as well as he could pick, though he didn't want anyone to hear him. He loved the beach and all that goes with the sand, surf, and sun, including Jimmy Buffett music. He was a pro hydro slider and rumor has it he drove a VW beetle on to a frozen Beech Lake with his best friends. His love of the water was most evident when operating his beloved Mastercraft official pace boat. He was once a very convincing alien back during the UFO sighting days. Just ask his cousins, Marty and Tony. He followed in the footsteps of his father, with his chosen career in the wholesale tobacco and grocery distribution. A job he held until his retirement. After all the silliness of youth, he and his bride, Rena, became the parents of Jon and Matt. He passed to them his love of music and they often played together. He also enjoyed coaching their youth ball teams. He and Rena remained best friends and wonderful co-parents despite their lives going in different directions. He once again dabbled as a cowboy when the boys were young, raising and training horses. Later in

life came the precious gift of Abby, the apple of his eye. She filled his every waking moment. Shortly thereafter he was blessed with the gift of grandbabies and he cherished playing with them like he was still a kid. He never met a stranger and was the most caring and compassionate man. He sent his Mother flowers every year on his birthday and idea he stole from his baby sister, the same one he enjoyed torturing throughout their childhood. In his defense, he delighted in spending time with his loving Mother. Mike was loved so much by us all, but especially by Jesus who died for him. If we have to give him up, there is nothing better than the knowledge that he is safely in the arms of our Savior. Mike enjoyed serving as a Gideon and cherished his work sharing the good news. Though his life was robbed of him by dementia, his family finds comfort knowing he is healed and together again with his father whom he idolized He is survived by his mother, Virginia Morris; 2 sons, Jonathan Morris (Cristina) and Matthew Morris (Rachel); 1 daughter, Abby Morris; the devoted mother of his children, Rena Duke Bledsoe; 1 sister, Shelly Booth (Brent); 5 grandchildren, Ethan Morris, Liam Morris, Georgia Morris, Tegan Morris, Jessie Morris; 2 step grandchildren, Tyler Riffle and Katelyn Acred; 2 nieces, Alex Weatherly and Blair Booth Janan; 1 nephew, Blake Booth; 1 great nephew, Jaxon Bernard; and 1 great niece, Chandler Bernard. He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Morris. Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 23 at 1PM at Reed's Chapel with burial to follow in Center Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4PM-8PM and Thursday from 11AM until service.

Reed's Chapel

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



Jerry Stegall - April 22 at 04:55 PM

DJ

“ David L Hooper, Jr purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris.



David L Hooper, Jr - April 22 at 03:12 PM

DJ

“ David L Hooper, Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris.

David L Hooper, Jr - April 22 at 03:12 PM

JL

“ Jimmy Laws lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



Jimmy Laws - April 22 at 02:44 PM

PW

“ *Paula Jowers Wisinski lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris*



Paula Jowers Wisinski - April 22 at 01:42 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Sparkman Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris*



Sheila Sparkman Caldwell - April 22 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jeremy Maness lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris*



Jeremy Maness - April 22 at 01:51 AM



*Losing a father is a terrible thing. Daddy has been gone almost 6 months and it still hurts. You will never get over it. But with Jesus' help you will be able to look forward to when we are all together again. Praying for yall*

Jeremy Maness - April 22 at 01:53 AM

RG

“ ROY GURLEY lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



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ROY GURLEY - April 22 at 01:21 AM

LE

“ Sending heart felt prayers and sympathy for Mr. Mike Morris family..they're like family to me..lots of love and prayers 🙏 #ripMike 😞



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Linda Elam - April 21 at 11:00 PM

BW

“ Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



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Barbara Willis - April 21 at 10:27 PM

BW

Prayers for Mike mom and all of his family.May God bless all of you.

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Barbara Willis - April 21 at 10:32 PM

DD

“ Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



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**Donna Darrough** - April 21 at 07:15 PM

PD

“ Sending prayers for the family.



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**Patti Duke** - April 21 at 07:06 PM



“ Patty Williams lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



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**Patty Williams** - April 21 at 06:28 PM

JL

“ I am so sorry. We are praying for you all that God will comfort you in the days ahead and heal your broken hearts.

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**Jamie Lindsey** - April 21 at 04:46 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



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**Rhonda Sanders** - April 21 at 04:35 PM

DW

“ Debbie Wright lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



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**Debbie Wright** - April 21 at 04:19 PM

TA

“ Condolences and prayers for Mike's family.



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**Teresa Ayers** - April 21 at 04:16 PM

SM

“ Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Morris



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**Sandra Maness** - April 21 at 03:51 PM