



MICHAEL DAVID "MIKE" RUCKER

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SANDY SPRINGS, GA –
Michael David Rucker, 61, formerly of Perry, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Sandy Springs, GA, on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. Services will be held in the Chapel of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home on Friday, December 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. A visitation will be held an hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to an organization that was very special to Mike, The Elizabeth Foundation (elizabethfoundation.org) 2625 Piedmont Road NE, Suite 363, Atlanta, GA 30324.

Mike was born in Mobile, Alabama, on December 22, 1960, to Betty Boswell Rucker and the late Lucian "Pete" Rucker. He was a 1979 graduate of Perry High School where he was STAR Student. He earned an Electrical Engineering Degree from Georgia Tech in 1983, and later a Master's Degree in Divinity from Western University in 1994. He had a long IT career and was especially touched to earn the 2020 Quality Employee of the Year Award at InComm Payments.

As a creative soul, he was very talented at writing poetry, composing songs, and performing at every opportunity. He gave back to his community by various charity work, most recently combining his love of running and the Elizabeth Foundation through Mike's March Across Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lucian "Pete" Rucker, and is survived by his mother, Betty Rucker. He is also survived by his wife, Rodie Rucker; his children, Jessica Thompson (Randall), Rebecca Rucker, and Sarah Rucker; his grandchildren, Adleigh, Ollie and Caitlin Thompson; his sisters, Kelly Gray (Walter), Paula Hall; several nieces and nephews; and two great-nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Events


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Visitation

 **Friday**, December 16, 2022

 1:00 PM ET

 **Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069



Memorial Service

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Jerry Wright posted:

I worked with Mike at Motorola in Scottsdale, AZ when we were both new engineers. Mike was a happy engineer, fun to work with, and always full of energy. My condolences to his surviving family members.

December 27 at 12:44 PM



Pamela Brown lit a candle in honor of MICHAEL.

Betty and family, May our Lord give you peace and comfort. I have wonderful memories of Mike from high school. He was a wonderful musician. We shared the same birthday. I will think of him on our birthday. Love and prayers, Pam Watson Brown



December 16 at 8:26 AM



Beth Derdivanis (Rodies Sister) December 16 at 9:54 AM

I will miss his sweet soul . He was a prayer partner online and we prayed for each other. I'm deeply saddened he is gone but know he's in a beautiful place. That for sure I know



Dan Shelnett posted:

You always said, me and you and Tom should "take our act on the road", when we were active together on social media. You arrived first...we will be there soon! Dan Shelnett

December 16 at 6:57 AM



Cynthia Sheppard posted:

Mike was always one of my favorite people. I admired his creativity with words and music to express his feelings and events. Over the years I had the opportunity to visit with him and I cherish those memories of good conversations and laughter. My heart and prayers are with you and wishing you peace and comfort. Love, Cindy Morrow Sheppard

December 15 at 4:49 PM



Beth Derdivanis (Rodies Sister) December 17 at 1:25 PM

I will miss my brother in law Mike so much. We prayed and encouraged each other via fb messenger . I know he loved his family and just couldn't fight the demons. See you in heaven , Mike.



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Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the RUCKER family.



December 15 at 6:56 AM



Lilli Ann Barrett lit a candle in honor of MICHAEL.

Betty, my heart aches for you and your family. I pray God will hold you close during this sad time. You know I always remembered Mike in school. He was a good guy.
Lilli Ann Barrett



December 15 at 4:16 AM



Myla Thompson posted:

You will be so missed. I can't believe this is true my heart breaks for your family. You were such an inspiration with every word you wrote. I will cherish your friendship forever. Rest in peace my dear friend.

December 14 at 7:17 PM

GJ Grandma Jean December 15 at 4:55 PM
becca, who is this?gj

BN Bobbie Newton December 15 at 12:42 PM
Betty, Kelly and Paula, I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. You are in my thoughts and prayers! God bless each of you during this time.



Tom Johnson posted:

"Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field. I'll meet you there. When the soul lies down in that grass the world is too full to talk about." Rumi.....Till we meet again my friend

December 14 at 6:14 PM



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Evelyn Mcdowell Castleberry lit a candle in honor of MICHAEL.

So sorry to hear. Prayers for his family and friends. God bless you all!

December 14 at 2:51 PM



Cheryl Horne December 23 at 5:38 PM

So sorry for Mike's passing, praying for peace and comfort for family



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring MICHAEL by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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