



Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson

October 6, 1943 - November 27, 2022

Mike Dickson, a native son of Henderson County, passed away at his home on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

He lived his life by the motto he shared with softball recruits during his years of coaching.

“It’s not about winning-it is about having fun.”

Born Oct. 6, 1943 in Reagan, Tennessee, Michael Lamarr Dickson, was the son of Huley and Lavonia. He started his education at Piney and Shady Hill schools before attending Lexington City School. He later graduated from Lexington High School before starting his college career at Memphis State University. His love of baseball began during his Little League and Babe Ruth years and continued until he died. He played independent baseball for years and later church league briefly. Through the years, he made many baseball trips to St. Louis with friends to watch the St. Louis Cardinals. He coached Girls softball for many years. In 1995, Mike’s Angels took the first place trophy in Knoxville at the USSSA State Slow Pitch Softball Tournament in the Girls 18 and under age division.

He enjoyed his farms, playing golf, cards, stray animals, and some people.

In 1967, he took a gamble on a dream to own his own business and bought a gas station at 305 Church Street from his long-time friend, David Jowers and opened Mike's Esso. At the time, the station across from the old Lexington City School was a local gathering place for old and young alike. In 1969, he and his wife, Martha Howard Dickson, opened a second station at Parker's Crossroads. In his first year of business, he was awarded the Tennessee Service Station of the Year Award as the Outstanding Dealer of all stations in Tennessee by the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs and the Volunteer State Oil Company. In 1970, the young couple bought a third station at 1-40 & Hwy 104 in Cedar Grove. In 1970, he was voted the Exxon Retailer of the Year for the Memphis District in Tennessee. Until last year, he continued to work and drive his wrecker with his dog, Pepsi, in tow.

Over the years, he gambled on stray animals and stray people who came into his life. He might spend money on a stray and hand out money and food to those in need. He was presented with Tennessee's first Citizen Award in 1971 by Judge Galloway of Nashville for Interstate Service rendered beyond the call of duty.

He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Martha Howard Dickson, a daughter, Michelle (David) Baker of Haymarket, Virginia, three grandchildren: Drew (Cynthia) Baker of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Grant Baker of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Michaela Baker of Nashville, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Myra Lykken, his parents, Huley Dickson and Lavonia Dickson Peterson, a very special aunt and uncle, Edith and Lois Fesmire, and several more wonderful aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 6-9 p.m. and on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 10 am-1 p.m. at Pafford Funeral Home. The service begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at the funeral home. Long-time family friend, Dr. Hoyt Wilson will officiate. Interment will be at Mt. Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian

Church cemetery. He was a member of the church when it was active. The church will be open following the ceremony.

Pallbearers are David Baker, Drew Baker, Grant Baker, Steve Helms, Robin Helms and Ricky Howard. Honorary pallbearers are Jimmy Dickson, Daniel Escue, Robert Helms, David Jowers, and Tim McPeake.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Gilead Cemetery - Shady Hill Community

Mt. Gilead Church Road
Reagan, TN 38368

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
(731) 968-2544
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Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Chapel of Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson*



Pafford Funeral Home - November 29, 2022 at 01:33 PM

CC

“ *Mike was a great softball coach and friend. He will be truly missed. Prayers for Martha, Michelle and his whole family.*

Candi Compton

Candi Compton - November 30, 2022 at 02:53 PM

BR

“ *So Sorry To Hear Of Mike's Passing. Will Say He Was One Of A Kind.*

Bill Rhodes - November 30, 2022 at 10:11 AM

BR

Mike Will Be Missed. Fond Memories of Golf Trips together!

Bill Rhodes - November 30, 2022 at 10:16 AM

KM

“ Prayers for his family and friends. He was a good man.



Kellie Morgan - November 30, 2022 at 01:14 AM

DD

“ Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Donna Darrough - November 29, 2022 at 10:47 PM

JH

“ Condolences for the family in you loss. God give you all strength in the days ahead. Love & Prayers to all



Joyce & Bruce Hughes - November 29, 2022 at 05:56 PM

CK

“ Charlotte W Kizer lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Charlotte W Kizer - November 29, 2022 at 04:59 PM

CB

“ Mike, Martha, Michele, and Myra will always be very dear to me, and I have many fond memories. Mike will not be forgotten and will always have special place in my heart.

Chris Bratton - November 29, 2022 at 03:27 PM

HB

“ Harley Blankenship purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson.



Harley Blankenship - November 29, 2022 at 02:49 PM

TA

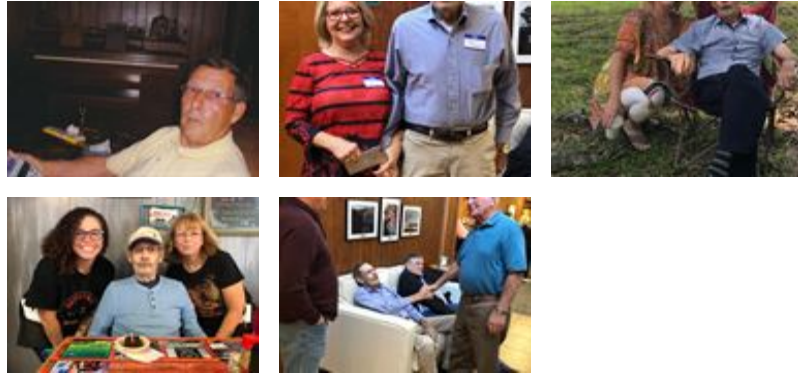
“ Condolences from Bobby Ayers and family.



Teresa Ayers - November 29, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ 74 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pafford Funeral Home - November 29, 2022 at 01:32 PM

AK

Our hearts and prayers are with the family. 🙏💕

Anna Kirk - November 29, 2022 at 03:16 PM

DS

“ I had the pleasure of wheeling and dealing with Mike about 35 years ago. He was a good man. Rest in Peace sir

Danny Stubblefield - November 29, 2022 at 01:12 PM

CB

“ I'm sad to hear this. I was part of Mike's Angels softball team. We always had a great time especially on our travel games. Greatly memories! He was a great coach. I also spent many days at he and Martha's home in my younger years as I was good friends with Myra. He will certainly be missed. Prayers for the family.



Cristy Wood Baggett - November 29, 2022 at 12:12 PM

EA

“ Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Eddie Akins - November 29, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson.



November 29, 2022 at 10:18 AM

CR

“ Charlie & Mary Jo Rigby purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson.



Charlie & Mary Jo Rigby - November 29, 2022 at 10:01 AM

BH

“ Mike & Martha have been longtime friends for so very long! Mike I want you to find my sweet Jerry Haywood in Heaven & tell him I love him! Martha is a very strong woman & I am sure God will give you the strength Martha to get you through for he has me 🙏



Bonnie Haywood - November 29, 2022 at 09:57 AM

JE

“ Martha, Michelle and family, I am sorry for your loss. My heart grieves. Mike is a part of so many special memories for me. Family camping trips, barbeques,, visits at the service station and so many years of softball. It was my honor and privilege to be one of Mike's Angels:) I will always cherish his presence in my life. I will pray for God's peace to envelope you during this most difficult time. All my love - Jill Jowers Evans



Jill Jowers Evans - November 29, 2022 at 09:56 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Rhonda Sanders - November 29, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ Mary Sego lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Mary Sego - November 29, 2022 at 09:08 AM

LH

“ Lisa Rebekah Hart sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Lisa Rebekah Hart - November 29, 2022 at 08:35 AM

MS

“ Mike Singleton lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Mike Singleton - November 29, 2022 at 08:27 AM



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November 29, 2022 at 08:06 AM

DK

“ Such saddening news, prayers of comfort and strength to the family. I can never forget "Doodles" sense of humor. He had such a positive outlook on everything.

Donna Kenny-seaman - November 29, 2022 at 07:49 AM

GR

“ Gail and Rodney purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson.



Gail and Rodney - November 29, 2022 at 06:39 AM

GF

“ Gail Forry lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Gail Forry - November 29, 2022 at 06:20 AM

LE

“ Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Linda Elam - November 29, 2022 at 02:44 AM

BW

“ Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson



Barbara Willis - November 28, 2022 at 11:56 PM

BW

Martha I am so sorry ,Prayers for you and your family,

Barbara Willis - November 28, 2022 at 11:58 PM

RG

“ *ROY AND CATHY GURLEY lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson*



ROY AND CATHY GURLEY - November 28, 2022 at 11:56 PM

BC

“ *Bull Run Republican Women's Club purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson.*



Bull Run Republican Women's Club - November 28, 2022 at 10:50 PM

CB

“ *Charlotte Baker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson.*



Charlotte Baker - November 28, 2022 at 10:40 PM

DB

“ *Doris Buck lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson*



Doris Buck - November 28, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson.*



November 28, 2022 at 10:31 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson*



Jerry Stegall - November 28, 2022 at 10:31 PM

DE

“ *Martha and Michelle, you are forever in my heart, thoughts and prayers. My sincere condolences to the entire family...May our Heavenly Father be with each of you and give you comfort during this time. Im truly so sorry for your loss..*



Denise Ellis - November 28, 2022 at 10:23 PM

LV

“ *Lydia Vaughn lit a candle in memory of
Michael "Mike" Lamarr Dickson*



Lydia Vaughn - November 28, 2022 at 10:19 PM