



## Michael Eugene Attaway

April 11, 1947 - January 31, 2022

Michael (Mike) Eugene Attaway, Jr. died peacefully Monday January 31, 2022 at his home on Lake Livingston after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mike was born April 11, 1947 in Sour Lake, Texas to, Jodi (Elsia Elkins) and Eugene Attaway. He attended Hardin Jefferson High School where, per his own recollection, he was the first student athlete to dunk a basketball. He played football at Tyler Junior College and the University of Houston where he earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration.

As a child growing up in Sour Lake, he was surrounded by family, animals, and had enumerable mischievous adventures with friends and cousins. He was known to bring home baby alligators, snakes, raccoons, and other wildlife to raise as pets. He loved his childhood horse "Blue" and telling stories about his childhood in Sour Lake.

He began a career in the oil and gas industry which took him to Louisiana, Oklahoma, and ultimately a return to Texas. In the 1990's he transitioned to work the environmental remediation field. As Vice President of Latin American business for GSE (now Solmax) he traveled extensively to Central and South America where he fell in love with the people and cultures he encountered. In the later part of his career, he managed large scale disaster cleanups from oil spills, hurricanes, and floods. His love of travel and adventure was also evident in his personal life. Nothing brought Mike greater joy than exploring a ghost town in Colorado, driving old Jeep trails looking for mines, teaching his grandkids to fish, and dragging kids around the lake on tubes until they fell off

in a dramatic fashion.

He spent many years living in Kingwood, Texas and returned to Sour Lake, Texas where he served on the Hardin Jefferson ISD school board for 18 years. He lived in Sour Lake until his retirement when he moved full time to Lake Livingston. He loved following his grandkids' sports teams, athletes from Hardin Jefferson, and student athletes from his son-in-law's career.

His adventurous spirit and love of God's creatures carried forward into adulthood where he was known to spoil his pets and develop trusting relationships with the wild birds living outside his home on the lake that he shared with his wife of 49 years, Cheryl Attaway. A doting husband, his true dedication was to her and the life they created together. They spent decades caring for elderly family members and enjoyed their life together traveling, fishing, being grandparents, and spending time with their close community of neighbors.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Jodi and Eugene, in-laws Bill and Vera Provost and brothers-in-law Billy and Robert Chambers. He leaves behind his wife Cheryl (Chambers) Attaway and children Amy Attaway Miller and husband Scott, Marcus Attaway and wife Tami, Anne Attaway Spears and husband Kenyon, brother Joseph Attaway and sister Mary Frances (Sissie) Pricer, along with grandchildren Jessica Miller, Steven Miller, Julia (Miller) Roberts and husband Ryan, Jacob Miller and wife Caitlin, Brendan Reavis and wife Taylor, Ross Reavis, Mary Chambless, Eli Chambless, great grandchildren Ella Miller, Eli Miller, Bridget Roberts, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will hold a private service honoring Mike at a later date.

If inclined, donations to your favorite animal shelter or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation in his name would be appropriate. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Eugene Attaway*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

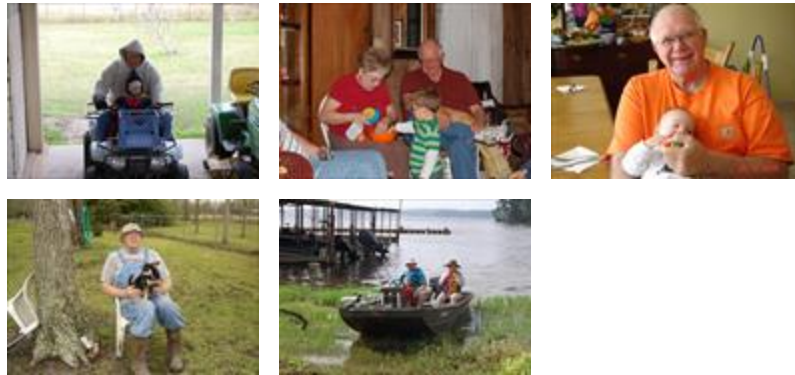


“ *Cheryl,  
Gerald and I are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We have such good memories of the time we spent together at school board conventions while Gerald and Mike served on the Hardin Jefferson School Board. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Gerald and Pam West*

**Gerald West** - February 22, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



**Eli chambless** - February 14, 2022 at 03:15 PM

EC

“ I’ll see you soon grandpa, goodbyes are not forever. You’ve taught me everything I know about boats, fishing and life. You have made such a big impact on my life, from teaching me how to cast a line, to driving the Rhino, to driving the “boy boat” And that’s just the beginning. I know it’s hard for grandma right now, so if she lets me, I’ll make sure everything is how you would have wanted it. I’ll make sure that I teach my kids and their kids everything that you taught me. I want to say so much more but I’m not sure if I’m ready yet. I’ll never ever forget you, I promise you that. Ill make sure grandma and mom don’t go crazy. Ill make sure everything stays in tip top shape. I love you so much you don’t even know.  
I’ll see you soon, goodbyes are not forever.  
Eli Chambless- your grandson



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**Eli Chambless** - February 07, 2022 at 01:24 PM

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“ I can only imagine how everyone is hurting! I will miss my cousin very much and although I didn’t get to spend much time with him, he was always so nice to me!



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**Angela Kaatz** - February 05, 2022 at 10:13 PM

KC

“ Mike was a real good cousin and will be missed! Always had a smile! We are sorry for everyone's loss! Sending our love and prayers to his wife and family!

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**Kit and Ann Copeland** - February 05, 2022 at 09:31 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Eugene Attaway



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**M. Hyvl** - February 05, 2022 at 06:05 PM

JA

Cheryl I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing my friend Jackie Lopez Brookshire

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**Jackie** - September 04, 2022 at 02:24 PM