



Michael "Mike" Duran Newby

November 29, 1957 - October 20, 2016

Mike passed away peacefully on October 20, 2016. He was born on November 29, 1957 to Othel Duran Newby and Ruby Napper Newby.

Growing up in Galena Park, Texas, Mike graduated in 1976 with a scholarship to play football for Cal Polly, California. He then transferred to Sam Houston State University, where he was the BearKat quarterback from 1978 to 1980. He graduated May 1980 from SHSU with a business degree. Mike was the store manager for a Furrows Hardware and Lumber Supply, sold insurance and then became a custom home builder.

Mike knew how to enjoy life and had a great time everywhere he went. Mike's greatest passion was football, but he also enjoyed fishing, traveling and going to the beach, the horse races and casinos. He loved being with people and made life fun, Mike had many close friends that he loved and respected. Mike loved to entertain and cook for friends and family.

In 2001 he met the love of his life Karen Lewis. They married February 25, 2006 and had a wonderful marriage full of love and adventure.

Mike is preceded in death by his father and nephew, Daniel Duran Hawthorne, and his mother and father-in-law Elmer and Joyce Lewis.

Family left to cherish his memory are his wife, Karen Newby of Huffman; step-daughter and husband, Lindsey and Anthony Trahan of Huffman; mother, Ruby Newby of Dodge; sister, Debbie Newby Sapp of Dodge; sister and husband, Janice “Jenny” Newby and James Ringo of Huntsville; niece and husband Kris and John Schmader of Pennsylvania; nephew and wife, Eric and Duffy Sorensen of Ft. Worth; nephew and wife, Jared and Lauren Hawthorne of Weatherford; niece Julea Hawthorne of Galveston; brother and sister-in-law Fred and Karla Wolf of Huffman; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Phillip and Natalie Lewis of Huffman; grandchildren, Kiley Collier, Carli Trahan and Aidan Trahan; great-nieces and nephews, Kalie Schmader, Amber Schmader, Max Sorensen, Miller Sorensen, Danielle Hawthorne, Maci Lewis, Nolan Lewis and Kaitlyn Lewis; and many more aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM (noon), with the family receiving friends at 11:00 AM, on Monday, October 24, 2016 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow the service at Dodge Cemetery in Dodge, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Cemetery

Dodge, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael "Mike" Duran Newby*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - October 23, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ *Michael "Mike" Duran Newby*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Ruby....we were so sad to hear about Mike. His picture looked like Sandy. You expect for your parents to leave but very hard to say 'goodbye' to one of God's children. Linda told me about Mike's adult life & the funeral. Many of his friends & family were there for Mike, sisters & you. God Bless you~~~with our Prayers & Love, Pookie & Mel*

marian & mel - October 25, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ *Debbie, I didn't know your brother but I can feel for you in losing him. Talk to him. It will help you work through missing him.*

Bonnie Weisler - October 24, 2016 at 08:14 PM

ED

“ I was very shocked to hear the news about "Newby". My thoughts and prayers go out to his family; may God grant you peace and understanding . Rest In Peace #17.

Eddie Dunaway - October 24, 2016 at 11:44 AM

MA

“ it was good to have met Mike Newby, He was a very nice gentlemen very sweet to Karen and Loved his Karen.
I met Mike for the first time at a Christmas Party, at Martha's house. Mike was very funny and enjoyed having fun.
I know Mike fun times will missed with his family, his memories will live on with his love ones.
It was nice to have met Mike.

Meriam Amaro - October 24, 2016 at 09:16 AM

RB

“ Shock to hear this, first met him in kindergarten. Condolences to the family.

Rex Buzbee - October 23, 2016 at 03:58 PM

BC

“ Mikey Love will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. What special memories we shared here at Lake Livingston. We remember all the fun, laughter and good times! There are no words to express our sorrow. Just know we are keeping all the family in our thoughts and prayers and sending special hugs to Karena Love!
Brenda & Charlie Dower

Brenda & Charlie - October 23, 2016 at 12:58 PM

JJ

“ Jeff and I send all our love out to you Karen and to all of Mike's family. Our hearts are broken for all of you! We will never ever forget our fantastic beach vacations together and especially last fall playing catch with the football on the beach...Our deepest condolences to you all. Jeff and Jayne Johnson

Jeff and Jayne - October 22, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ KELVIN FULLER 🏈: THE ENTIRE FULLER FAMILY SEND THEIR ❤️ HEART FELT CONDOLENCES TO THE NEWBY FAMILY & FRIENDS. MIKE WAS A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, STARTING QUARTERBACK WHEN I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET/PLAY FOOTBALL 🏈 WITH HIM. DURING THE WEEK BEFORE WE PLAYED OUR RIVAL "BAYTOWN STERLING RANGERS." MIKE GOT THE 🙌 OKAY FROM THE "LATE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH, JESSIE SADLER THAT HE COULD DRAW UP A SPECIAL PLAY FOR THAT GAME. THE PLAY WAS CALLED "THE MIKE NEWBY, TERALD CLARK SPECIAL." WELL MIKE YOU ARE STILL CALLING PLAYS, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS "YOU ARE IN A SPECIAL & NEW PLACE CALL HEAVEN 🌈☀️." "REST IN FOREVER PEACE 🙌 MY BROTHER, MIKE NEWBY 🏈 🙌👍."

Kelvin Fuller - October 22, 2016 at 12:38 PM

JW

“ To Mike family my deepest condolences ,Mike and I played football together in high school he was one in a handful that didn't see color. His parents did a excellent job with raising him."great job Mike here on earth "thank you Mike . Jimmie walker

Jimmie walker - October 22, 2016 at 10:14 AM

GM

“ Dear Family,
Mike and I were friends for many years and even though I hadn't been in touch for the last 20, he was a huge part of my life back in the day. There was nothing he would not do for me, like so many of my GP brothers. He was the best. I am so very sorry for your loss. I am praying for you as you go through this time of great loss. May the Lord be your comfort.
With my deepest sympathy,
Gaye Lynn Welsh Mackie

Gaye Lynn Welsh Mackie - October 22, 2016 at 09:04 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Mulloy and Boys purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Michael "Mike" Duran Newby.



Carolyn Mulloy and Boys - October 21, 2016 at 09:08 PM

KG

“ Mike was the Big Brother, I never had. Being the oldest kid in a family is not always easy; so Mike was always there for me whenever all the pieces fell apart, even if he were simultaneously missing a few pieces. He and I had nothing left at a time in our lives, and then we picked up a few missing pieces. Presences may have ensued, If only we had a clue where we hid them. God Speed my Dear Friend. I can't wait to play a game on a grid-iron in the clouds one day.

Kirk Gant - October 21, 2016 at 06:59 PM

RS

“ *Blue skies and soft landings on the other side my Galena Park brother - I enjoyed our pick up football games (Furr boys vs. GP boys) back in the late 70's behind good 'ole GP High School. You always did have a great arm. Rest easy now buddy your job here is done. I pray God send a platoon of angels to comfort your family during this most difficult time of transition. Amen.*

randy sick - October 21, 2016 at 06:27 PM