



Michael "Mike" Phillip Pugh

February 9, 1947 - September 25, 2018

Mike Pugh, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away at the age of 71 on Tuesday, September, 25th, 2018 after a brave two-year battle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia.

He was born in Grand Saline, Texas on February 9, 1947 to Ray and Barbara Pugh. Mike was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Cathy; son Charlie; daughter Sally, her husband Wade and grandchildren Sophie and Jack; brother Pat, and his wife Charla Ann; his cousin Kathy; and numerous nieces, nephews and family.

Mike grew up in Longview, TX. He and his brother Pat were not just brothers, but best friends. Mike's love of music began at an early age and continued as he played in a band in high school and college. He graduated with his Bachelor's degree from Lamar University, where he met the love of his life, Cathy Sue. Mike and Cathy have a special kinship with their college friends from Lamar and always will. Mike went on to receive his Masters and PhD in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University. He was hired in 1981 to establish a program for mentally-challenged offenders with the TX Dept. of Criminal Justice, and completed his career as the Assistant Director of Health Services for TDCJ. After retirement, Mike taught as an Adjunct Professor at SHSU.

Mike was a kind, quiet soul with a creative mind. He had a tremendous love for music, art, theater, singing, and playing the guitar. He loved the outdoors, hiking, and backpacking across the US with his best buddies. He was an avid reader, a beautiful writer, and a life-long learner. Mike liked to eat healthy but never missed an opportunity to eat his Blue Bell! Mike's favorite activities were spending time at home with his family at his side, feeding the birds, singing in the church choir, and enjoying time with his friends. He was a great brother, a good friend, a wonderful father and grandfather, and a loving husband. He is loved by many and will be remembered as a kind and caring man who loved his family and his Lord.

Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville from 3-5 PM on Sunday, September 30th. Celebration of Life Service at First Christian Church Huntsville at 11AM on Monday, October 1st.

Memorial contributions may be made to the choir program at First Christian Church, 1800 Avenue R, Huntsville, TX. 77340.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Memorial Service

OCT **1**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church of Huntsville
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinsons disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit w w w.aknniherbscentre .com)

@gmail.com - May 21, 2025 at 01:38 AM



“ *Michael "Mike" Phillip Pugh*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Vicki Hogan sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael "Mike" Phillip Pugh*



Vicki Hogan - October 02, 2018 at 01:57 PM

GG

“ So sorry we could not be with you today to celebrate Mike's life. Many fond memories of our days at First Christian include your wonderful family.

Greg and Dani

Greg Gathright - October 01, 2018 at 04:47 PM

KS

“ I have such fond childhood memories of Mike when we visited in Grand Saline. I got to know him better as an adult in the years before his mother's death when he drove her to visit her sister, my mother, here in Bham, AL. I Loved listening to his playing his guitar and singing. Sure wish I had a recording of it. I'm so sad he had to have Parkinson's but I'm glad he's no longer trapped in that body.



Kathy Sechriest - October 01, 2018 at 12:29 AM



“ Cathy,
I am so sorry for your loss of Mike. He was such a wonderful & giving man to everyone! I saw him several weeks ago in Brookshire Brothers & did not recognize him at first...he looked so very pale & I could tell that he had been struggling with some illness, also! I remember meeting him MANY years ago on a promotion board at TDCJ and he asked me "who is the Director of TDCJ" and I responded with the name... and I then added "right now". This was due to all the politics going on at that time & he got a good laugh at that! I think he never forgot me after that!!...LOL...I know that he will be missed by all the many friends he had made over the years! He was an awesome member of his family, too!! You and the kids are in my thoughts and prayers, dear friend!! Hugs & much love...

Jamie Brinegar



Jamie Sue Brinegar - September 29, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ Cathy prayers for you and family.
Gary Werner

Gary Werner - September 28, 2018 at 05:49 PM



Drsr Cathy and family.My prayers and thoughts are with you now and may God keep His healing arms around you daily. He leaves you with a lifetime of beautiful memories

Trinell Barrum - September 29, 2018 at 09:18 AM

MW

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - September 28, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Phillip Pugh.



September 28, 2018 at 03:22 PM

MR

“ *Dear Cathy and family,*
We are so sorry to hear of Mike's death. Pretty sure heaven is rocking now. He was such a great guy and thoughts of him always bring a smile to our faces and a warm place in our hearts.

Praying for you and thoughts always.

Love,
Wes and Mary Rice

Mary Rice - September 28, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Phillip Pugh.*



September 28, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of this yesterday. I worked with Mike in Health Services for many years and what a great guy he is. Every day he was the same - caring, compassionate, and fair. A man always willing to share knowledge and information. I'll be praying for the family and friends whose lives were forever changed for the better in knowing Mike.*

DeeAnn - September 28, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Dear Cathy,
We are so sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful man, husband and father. Donna and I are praying for God's blessings and comfort for you, Sally, Charlie as well as all of your family. Love,
John & Donna*

John & Donna Gilbert - September 28, 2018 at 12:14 PM

CA

“ Dear Cathy, Sally and Charlie,

We're so sorry about the passing of Mike; one of the truly good guys is now gone, but certainly not forgotten. I fondly remember his quiet college antics and tales of his capers since then related by his good friends, the Pink Ladies. May you draw great comfort from them at this difficult time as they deeply loved Mike. The hole in your hearts that was Mike will never be filled, but may your warm memories of him comfort you in the days to come. We love you and will pray for your peace and comfort.

cece & tony

Cece Abel - September 28, 2018 at 10:12 AM

BG

“ *Mike was truly one of the best people I ever knew in my career. He was level headed, honest, knowledgeable, kind, and always treated those of us who worked with him with the highest respect. Cathy, I am sorry for the loss, but know in my heart that Mike is not suffering any more. I can only imagine his joy when he met Jesus face to face. We are praying for you as you go through this difficult time. Bill and Carolyn Gibson*

Bill and Carolyn Gibson - September 27, 2018 at 09:55 PM

CW

“ Dear Cathy and Family,

Mike was definitely one of the good guys and was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He will long be remembered for his quiet caring and loving spirit. I send my love to all of you and pray that all the wonderful memories you have of him will ease your suffering. Mike is now singing with the angels...what could be more beautiful.

*Love,
Snow*

Cathy Waldner - September 27, 2018 at 04:42 PM

B'

“ Cathy and family

“Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives.”

Bryan Brennon LHS '65 - September 27, 2018 at 10:59 AM

DP

“ Please know that our family is praying for your family. May God give you comfort and rest at this sad time. Love, Donna and Walter Paschall, Cody Phillips and Sara Muskrat



Donna Paschall - September 27, 2018 at 09:16 AM

MF

“ *It is with heartfelt sadness to express how deeply we feel about Mike's passing. We are blessed to have known him and will never forget his thoughtfulness and kindness. Mike truly embodied and lived by the words.... "love thy neighbor as yourself"*

With great sorrow, we ask (Cathy, Sally, Charlie) to share your loss and to extend our sincere sympathy.

Chris, Debra, Briana, Fabian McCall

McCall Family - September 27, 2018 at 08:48 AM

JR

“ *Dear Cathy,*

Please accept our most sincere condolences and prayers.

Mike was such a vibrant, charismatic, and thoughtful individual that was loved by everyone he met. He had an amazing ability to communicate and positively interact with people from all sectors, always doing so in a calm, professional, and compassionate manner.

Mike's passing is a great loss to our community. For those of us that were blessed to know Mike, we cherish the wonderful memories of the time we shared together. He was an inspiration to all.

May God bless and bring peace to you and your family.

*Jim & Barbara Riley
Bryan, Texas*

Jim & Barbara Riley - September 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

KN

“ To paraphrase Mike's Grandmother: “Mike lived to an excellent sufficiency. Any more would be a superfluous redundancy.”

Kenneth Norwood - September 26, 2018 at 10:35 PM

JD

“ Cathy, Sally, Charlie: Mike Pugh was such a kind, soft-spoken man. Praying for your family. Although we all know where he is today, he will be missed. Just wanted you guys to know that we are all thinking about you.

Jake Dixon - September 26, 2018 at 06:48 PM

IT

“ In loving memory: Bill, Kimberly, Teal and Thomas purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Michael "Mike" Phillip Pugh.



In loving memory: Bill, Kimberly, Teal and Thomas -
September 26, 2018 at 04:41 PM