



Michael Wayne Utley

April 16, 1949 - July 31, 2020

Michael Wayne Utley was born on April 16, 1949 in Borger, Texas to Rex and Louise Utley and was called home on July 31, 2020. The oldest of four children, his family moved to Huntsville in 1961. Mike graduated from Huntsville High School in 1968 and later received his BBA from Sam Houston State University. Mike married his high school sweetheart, Brenda Edgar, on July 31, 1971 and they built a beautiful life together filled with immense love and lots of laughter. (Even though he often referred to her as his “first wife”!) He loved baseball and the Astros. Mike spent many years coaching little league and little dribblers and considered his players a part of his family. To Mike, work was a “dirty four-letter word”, but he served his time with TDCJ and retired as Associate Deputy Director in 1999. Now he was free to do what he loved most-fishing. Whether he went with his precious dog, Sadie, his family or friends, he was peaceful and perfectly content on the lake and went every chance he had. He also used to love water skiing and driving his boat trying to see how high he could launch the tubers behind him. He impacted so many lives and everyone agrees: his heart was bigger than Texas, his loyalty and integrity were unmatched, and he always made you feel special. His humor and optimism were contagious. His faith and unwavering love for Jesus were steadfast and openly shared. He never met a stranger and never hesitated to help you if you were in need. He was a lifeline and mentor to countless friends and family members. He sincerely loved his family and was so proud of his grandsons and was present for each of their accomplishments.

He especially loved Jace's ninja warrior and watching Jaxton on the soccer field. If Cori had a bad day, he would just remind her he was proud of her. He truly was a bright light that was only healed by our Lord and is now fishing in paradise.

Welcoming Mike to his eternal reward were his parents, his brother, Dwight, his sister and brother-in-law, Jo Ann and Danny Wayne Lewis, and his father-in-law Marvin Edgar.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 49 years, Brenda, his daughter and son-in-law, Cori and Josh Mooney, his grandsons Jace Micheal and Jaxton Ryan, his sisters, Patti Utley and Retha Utley, his mother-in-law, Dolly Edgar, nieces Cece Ford (Kylar), Amber Ford (Edwin and Phillip), Lindsay Lewis (Delaney, Jolee, and Brayden), nephew Eric Ford, his sister-in-law Judy Utley, his beloved church family at Friendship Harbor, and his special fishing buddies.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at noon at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville with Brother Reagan Duncan officiating. Visitation with the family and friends will precede the service from 10 am until noon.

Should you desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Rita B. Huff Humane Society or a charity of your choice in Mike's memory.

"You're either making memories or you are one." -Mike Utley
Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration Of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Wayne Utley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We have been blessed to know Mike and be his next door neighbors for all these years. We are saddened also he is now part of our memories, but we know without a shadow of doubt he is in God's presense. Brenda and Cori, we will also miss him and we pray God's blessings on you for the days ahead. Due to this terrible pandemic, we will not be present at his memorial, but we are present in spirit. We will continue to pray for you. Please don't hesitate to call on us if you need us. Phil & Nell*

Phil & Nell Higgins - August 06, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Mike. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. May God bless you all. Bruce and Mary Thaler*

Bruce Thaler - August 06, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Mike was a good friend to everyone he met. He was my son's little league coach and a very good one. Once after a Wynne Farm haircut he renamed me Banachek after character on TV. That's all he ever called me. Mike will be truly missed by everyone who knew him. My prayers are with his family. God Bless.*

Earl McWhortet - August 05, 2020 at 10:51 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Coburns Family purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Michael Wayne Utley.



Love, Your Coburns Family - August 05, 2020 at 04:41 PM

CG

“ I have fond memories of Bro. Utley. He was working with the youth group in his assembly and came down to visit the Brownsville Assembly a few times. His enthusiasm was a great example. May God grant his family peace during these trying times.

Cynthia Gonzalez - August 05, 2020 at 01:48 PM

LA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Utley family.



Linda Parish Andrews - August 04, 2020 at 10:25 PM

BC

“ Condolences, praying for family and friends that God may give each of you strength, comfort and peace.



Bridgette Neeley Clay - August 04, 2020 at 09:43 PM

PM

“ My husband, Dale, and I met Mike and Brenda almost 40 years ago. He was a fine Christian man and will be missed. God bless you all.
Dale & Pam Myers

pamels myers - August 04, 2020 at 10:30 AM

OR

“ Mike was one heck of a great man. I hope that John Kennedy met him when he got to the golden gates. There's plenty of fishing up there. God bless Mike. He is a great memory. Always was a man of his word.

Odell Rschsl - August 04, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Mike shared with me once @ TDCJ how he always had his desk clear on Friday afternoons. He's put it all in a truck mail envelope and mail it to himself! I'm sorry his family won't have him around anymore. Hopefully I can always lend an ear when Brenda needs to talk.
Dena Byrd

Dena Byrd - August 04, 2020 at 08:25 AM

JC

“ Brenda and family. My heart is broken over the loss of such a wonderful man and vital part of your family. Mike was always such a good friend with his hearty laugh and big hug every time we met. I won't be able to attend his service because of medical issues in my family. But know heart and prayers are with all of you as God wraps his comforting arms around you in your time of grief. Love Mike and you always Brenda. Prayers for all Virginia Cooper

John Virginia Cooper - August 04, 2020 at 12:04 AM

HJ

“ Prayers and condolences to the family and many friends of Mike Utley. He will truly be missed. RIP Mike 🙏❤️🙏🌈



H Jones - August 03, 2020 at 11:43 PM

KC

“ Brenda, Cori and Family, I am so sorry for your loss of this wonderful husband, father, boss, co-worker and friend. Cori you were his pride and joy because he talked about you all the time. When I would see him in town I would call out, Michael Wayne Utley and he would throw up his hands and say “ I didn’t do it”. Mike, thank you for bible verses that you gave me to help me become a better christian. May God give each of you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Kim Card - August 03, 2020 at 10:55 PM

JH

“ So sorry ! My condolences to Mike’s family. I met Mike when we lived on the Ellis Unit when we were kids. He was such a sweet and courteous young man and I know he continued to be the same. Praying for comfort for the family.
Jo Byers Hayman

Jo Hayman - August 03, 2020 at 10:40 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Wayne Utley*



M. Hyvl - August 03, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DB

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear Michael Wayne has left us. Mike was a great boss, mentor, fellow fisherman and practical joker I've ever had the pleasure of knowing and working with. He will be deeply missed by so many! Prayers and comfort for his family and friends.*



D. Ballard - August 03, 2020 at 09:12 PM

SS


“ *Thoughts and prayers for Brenda, Cori, and family. Hold on to all the precious memories you have.*

Sue and Pat Sprott - August 03, 2020 at 08:54 PM

RF

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. I grew up on Ellis with the Utley family. Mike was a great guy. Sending prayers for his family and friends.*

Robyn Flowers - August 03, 2020 at 08:39 PM


Charlotte
Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of
Michael Wayne Utley



Charlotte Efird - August 03, 2020 at 08:17 PM

PS

“ May God give you the strength to get though
this difficult time. Love and prayers to the
family and all of Mr Utley’s dear friends.



Pam Szymanski - August 03, 2020 at 08:13 PM

DR

“ Dawn Rachal sent a virtual gift in memory of
Michael Wayne Utley



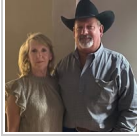
Dawn Rachal - August 03, 2020 at 08:02 PM

DR

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Dawn Rachal - August 03, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Prayers to Brenda, Cori, Josh and the boys. Mike will be missed by all that loved him or just knew him. He was a wonderful man with such a big heart for others. May he get his limit fishing in Heaven. Thoughts and symapthy to all.

Lisa Hempel - August 03, 2020 at 06:37 PM

MF

“ Brenda, Cori and Josh

I am so sorry for your loss. Mike always had a smile on his face whenever I saw him. He was a wonderful man. My heart is breaking for all of you. Hold on to the precious memories y'all have. My prayers are with each of you and to precious Jace and Jax. I love y'all.

Monetta Mooney Frenza - August 03, 2020 at 06:01 PM

DP

“ Please know that we are praying for your family at this sad time. May God give you comfort and peace. The Robinson girls...Carol and Richard Byrd, Jan and Tom Rogers, Donna and Walter Paschall, Mary and Nathan Roe. God bless you.



Donna Paschall - August 03, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Utley.



August 03, 2020 at 05:34 PM

JS

“ *Brenda and Family we are so sorry for your loss. Mike was such a great person he will truly be missed. God bless yall.*

John and Anita Schumacher

John Schumacher - August 03, 2020 at 05:19 PM

LS

“ *Mike was not only a boss, but a good friend that could be counted on. He provided many answers to the ways of the TDCJ world and I appreciated his many stories. He was a great person with morals and values seldom seen. The world is a lesser place without him. Deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife and family. Lee & Peggy Struble*

Lee R. Struble - August 03, 2020 at 04:38 PM

DH

“ *Dianna & Steve Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Utley*



Dianna & Steve Holbrook - August 03, 2020 at 04:19 PM

MW

“ *Praying for your family. Mike was a wonderful man & will be missed greatly.*



Mellicent Wiley - August 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM



Mrs Utley and family
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Warren Wood

Warren R. Wood - August 04, 2020 at 12:48 PM