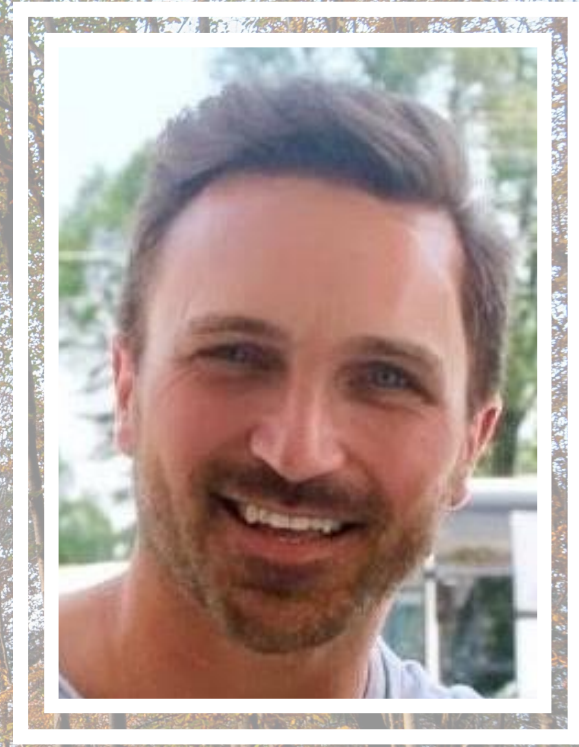




# Celebrating

## THE LIFE OF



**MICKEL AARON WORD**

September 13, 1980 ~ August 1, 2020

Heaven awaits those who trust in the Lord.

The struggles of  
this life will finally be over.

The day is coming when God Himself “will wipe  
away every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain  
will be no more” (Rev. 21:4).

**God’s grace and mercy are present every  
moment, including the very moment when  
believers breathe their last breath.**

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Mickel Aaron Word was born on September 13, 1980, to Neta (Word) Haggard and Mickel Jay Haggard in Little Rock, Arkansas. He died on August 1, 2020, at UAMS in Little Rock, at the age of 39.

He is survived by his parents, Mickel Jay Haggard (Andrea) of Aurora, Colorado and Neta (Word) Haggard of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

He is also survived by his half-sisters Annamarie Haggard of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Breanna Haggard of Akron, Colorado; niece Kaybree Jay Florian of Akron, Colorado; aunts Jamie (Harold) Shoemaker of North Little Rock, Arkansas; and Donna Haggard of Sherwood, Arkansas.

He was predeceased by his grandparents Norman B. and Katherine Word of North Little Rock and N. J. and Mary Haggard of Sherwood, uncles Greg Haggard and Phillip Haggard of Sherwood.

Mickel was a graduate of Sylvan Hills High School in Sherwood and attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Mickel was a member of New Life Church at 610 Main Street in Little Rock. Mickel loved God and leading others to Christ.

Mickel was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed climbing Pinnacle Mountain on a regular basis and hiking any trail he could find in Arkansas. He was a fantastic cook and always wanted to be a chef. Mickel enjoyed photography and had some photos printed in the Washington Post. He loved volunteering and helping others. He was one of the biggest Razorback fans in the state.

The family would like to thank the ICU staff and the palliative care team at UAMS for their compassionate care of Mickel.

Memorials may be made to M18 Recovery [www.m18recovery.com](http://www.m18recovery.com) or New Life Church 610 Main, Little Rock [www.newlifechurch.tv](http://www.newlifechurch.tv)

Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will immediately follow

## IF I KNEW

If I knew it would be the last time That I'd see you fall asleep,  
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,  
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,  
I would video tape each action and word, so I could play  
them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute  
to stop and say "I love you,"  
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,  
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,  
so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,  
and we always get a second chance to make everything just right.

There will always be another day to say "I love you,"  
And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,  
I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,  
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?  
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss  
and you were too busy to grant someone,  
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear,  
Tell them how much you love them and that  
you'll always hold them dear

Take time to say "I'm sorry,"  
"Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay."  
And if tomorrow never comes,  
you'll have no regrets about today.