

(Continued) He is survived by his wife Stephanie, and his son Matthew Alexander of Whiteville, NC. He also leaves behind a host of siblings-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. In that "last day" (John 6:39), when Mike meets with his Master, God will show him the pages of his life and all things he built; and then turn to him and say, "Mike, You have fought the good fight; you have finished your course, you have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for you a crown of righteousness" – 2 Timothy 4:7-9.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

~ Acknowledgement ~

With deepest gratitude and love, the family of Michael Harvey wish to express our sincere thanks for the many expressions of love and kindness that were displayed, along with your prayers during our time of loss. May our Heavenly Father richly bless each one of you.



A CELEBRATION
OF

Life

In Loving Memory
MICHAEL ANTHONY HARVEY

FEBRUARY 25TH 1959 - FEBRUARY 1ST 2019

Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville
707 Vinson Blvd
Whiteville, NC 28472
February 8, 2019
3:00 PM

Pastor Rodney Valentine, Officiant

A Tribute to Mike

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Michael "Mike" Anthony Harvey was a man of God's workmanship, a discriminating craftsman, allowing his own life, gifts, and talents to be used as a tool in the hands of God for good works wherever he was called.

Mike was born February 25, 1959 in Bronx NY to a hard-working couple, Major and Vera Maud Harvey. Like Mike, his father made a living with his hands as a carpenter. His mother worked in both healthcare and education. In his formative years, Mike's mother decided to send him to the island of Jamaica, her home country, to complete his education. At the home of Aunt and Uncle Gerald and Dita Ford and their children Karen and Fitz, Mike embraced his Caribbean roots and graduated from Munro College in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. From these strong parental and extended family ties, Mike developed qualities of grit, persistence and thoroughness that would help him make his mark in the world.

As a young man, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was introduced to electrical engineering. His natural analytical ability made him suited for the job. The Air Force took him to Japan, Canada, and both coasts of the United States. Mike continued in engineering, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. However, the most important decision he would make during that time was to give his life to Christ, becoming a part of the Sharon Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Bronx, NY.

Having laid this strong foundation, God saw fit to bring a special woman into Mike's life. The former Stephanie Mills was won over by his warmth, intelligence and skills. She knew he could build a house; and Mike knew she could make a house a home. So together they built a life. That life was made complete with the birth of their son Matthew Alexander Harvey. So very deeply loved, their son enriched and inspired Mike to work even harder for his family.

With Stephanie by his side, Mike became a flourishing entrepreneur. An electrician by trade, he took pride in a job well done and wasn't content to work for someone else. Access Electrical developed a reputation for superb quality in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, taking on notable commercial projects for organizations like The North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, The City of Durham Department of Parks and Recreation, The Streets of Southport Shopping Mall in Durham, and many churches, nursing facilities and residential properties. The business trained several young men in the lessons of excellence, including his own son. Yet his work never stopped him from lending his expertise to schools and churches he attended, friends, family, or many others in need. His generosity and expertise saved hundreds of dollars for people who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford his services. Sadly, health problems would surface in his life far too soon. Even in his weakened state he dedicated tireless hours to volunteer work. One of his heartfelt projects was constructing a state-of-the-art computer lab for the love of the students of CAA and in memory of his sister-in-law Charlotte Verrett, for which the lab was named. He also taught STEM there, turning the science lab into a tinkerers haven full of circuitry boards, old computers, motors and robots, challenging them to dig for knowledge, and to think critically.

This same principle was applied to the students at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, NC. In the year preceding his death, he was teaching a full load of courses in electrical engineering to the students of rural North Carolina where he saw a need for the lessons his family taught him so long ago. He held his students to a high standard, and they were better for it.

Mike had a heart as large as his sturdy and capable hands. His imposing frame gave way to an easygoing nature. He enjoyed a good meal and had no problem preparing one with his own hands. Visitors will certainly recall the appetizing aromas that filled his home and the international array of seasonings in his cupboards. During his days as an electrical contractor, he would work hard then take whomever was working with him out for a lingering lunch with good food to revive them for the last half of the day. Mike loved to talk, played a great deadpan when delivering a joke, and always had a big hug to greet his friends. He laughed easily and cried easily too. He cared about everyone and lived unpretentiously. Mike was preceded in death by his mother, Vera Maud Harvey and father Major Harvey. (Continued)

~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

Processional

Hymn of Faith

A Mighty Fortress

Elder Leon Verrett

Scripture

2Timothy 4:7

Elder Richard Berry

Prayer

**Pastor Larry Johnson
Gethsemane SDA Church**

Song of Comfort

Jessica Davidson

Obituary

Syrita Mills

Acknowledgements

Nadena Graham

Presentation

Special Tribute

Matthew Harvey

Reflections

Family and Friends

Song of Peace

Vida McLeary

Eulogy

**Pastor Rodney Valentine
Praise Tabernacle SDA Church**

Song of Hope

Prayer

Elder Samuel McLeary

Recessional

~Repast~

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