



## Michael Kevin Mathis

January 22, 1965 - June 2, 2022

Michael K. Mathis passed away suddenly at the age of 57 on June 2, 2022 in Lakeland, Florida. Mike was born on January 22, 1965 in Tampa, Florida to George (Bud) and Dorothy (Dot Joyce) Mathis. Mike was raised in Lakeland.

Mike is survived by his Momma, Dorothy (Dot) Mathis, his brother Richard A. Mathis (Nancy), his Best Friend Dee Dee Ward; his children Amanda Raulerson (Daniel), Lexie Mathis Pipkin and great-granddaughter, Gwyn Mathis. Also survived by his aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, extended family and countless friends. He was a devoted friend and will be greatly missed.

Mike is preceded in death by his dad, George (Bud) Mathis, his baby sister Elizabeth Grace Mathis and his son Aaron Michael Mathis; his Paternal Grandparents, Joe & Gladys Todd and Maternal Grandparents, Ed & Sis Joyce.

Mike was a member of Hillsdale Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida. Mike was known for his infectious smile and his hearty laugh. He was a practical joker. He would push my buttons by saying the most shocking thing he could think of in hopes to get a rise out of me. It always worked. He could make me laugh even when I was upset at him. His sense of humor was second to none. I will miss him more than words can say.

My heart is broken by this unexpected loss. He was one of a kind and to be loved by him was to be truly blessed.

There will a Celebration of Life on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland, Florida 33801.

In lieu of flowers, please do a good deed for someone in memory of Mike.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel

1727 Bartow Road

Lakeland, FL 33801

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Michael Kevin Mathis



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 22 at 08:54 AM



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Kevin Mathis



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 13 at 10:29 AM



*It's been 1 month since my son, Mike, died unexpectedly.*

*I want to thank his family & friends for coming to his Celebration of Life service. The Bible tells us; Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Please know your presence was a comfort to me. And again, thank you for coming.*

*Also, the Bible tells us, do not grieve as those who have no hope. well I have THAT Hope; and I believe in my heart AND PRAISE GOD, I KNOW I'll see him again SOON.*

*I love all my Precious Memories of Mike and will Cherish each one until the day I die. He may have been 57years old, but he was still my baby!*

*I am profoundly proud to be his Momma. I'm missing him terribly.*

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**Dot Mathis** - July 02 at 04:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dot Mathis - August 07 at 07:31 PM



“ MY PRECIOUS SON

*God, I know You gave Your precious Son  
To give us life with You.  
But I didn't want my son to leave,  
Cause he was precious too.*

*We all are special in Your eyes  
And all to You we will return.  
I know my son will not come back,  
And for this my heart still yearns.*

*My time on earth is for learning,  
And when my lessons are through,  
My Lord will choose the time I leave,  
And I'll come back to you.*

*My precious son is with You,  
And there will be a day,  
That I too will leave this earth,  
And You will light my way.*

*His arms will be wide open,  
And the wait will be worthwhile,  
When I see again my precious son,  
And the splendor of his smile.*

*I missed you today, I will miss you tomorrow.  
Tears in my eyes and a heart full of sorrow.  
I hold on to the memories of the great times we had  
I grieve for what I lost but, I am grateful for what I had.*

*Michael Kevin Mathis  
1/22/65 ~ 6/2/22*

Dot Mathis - August 04 at 09:06 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dot Mathis - August 04 at 08:58 AM

KI

“ You just soared into everyone life waving a smile wherever you went. Allway leaving a smile on someone's face. No one was a strange and that's what made it all the great. I have so many fond memories over so many years that we all will cherish. I would have never thought our hello was a goodbye. You take our love with you. You were a amazing friend to me over so many years. Until we meet again. My deepest condolences to your family..

Kim - June 22 at 09:47 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Kevin Mathis.



June 15 at 10:22 AM

KT

“ Mike my dear friend, you always made me laugh and I'll cherish the memories I regret not staying in touch, you will be greatly missed your one of a kind my friend I miss you  
Kim t.

Kim tyre - June 14 at 06:36 AM

DM

“ 21 files added to the album Memories Album



Dorothy J Mathis - June 13 at 04:46 AM

JN

“ I've known Mike nearly half of a century. For all of our differences we shared as many common interests.

Even though we went from hanging out every day to a few times a week, to every once in a while due our own personal pursuit of the opportunities life presented our friendship never failed.

After bumping into him several months ago after being out of touch for a few years we spent several hours on the phone doing some catching up and planning a time to get together and shoot the breeze to just enjoy hanging out with one and other especially since we hadn't seen each other for so long.

Mike, you know you have always been a good friend to me and I wouldn't trade having you for one of closest buddies. Godspeed and rest well my brother. Till we meet again, warm the hearts of everyone that loves you through your never ending presents in our hearts.

By the way, give your Dad and Aaron a fist bump for me.

Jeff



Jeff Nance - June 12 at 08:27 AM



Jeff ~ Thank for remembering Mike! I sure remember you and your brothers ~  
Love,  
Mike's Momma

Dot Mathis - August 07 at 07:47 PM

LC

“ I will always remember Mike as he joined the neighborhood Kids on Waynesville Ave. to play. In the early 70's there was about 12 little ones who played with one another. I can not make the service but my love and sympathy will be with you and the family.  
Love, Lorraine Casey



Lorraine Casey - June 10 at 05:00 PM



Lorraine ~ Forgive me for the delay in responding to your remembrance of Mike ~ Thank You!  
See you on FB!

Dot Mathis - August 07 at 07:39 PM

RW

“ This breaks my heart to even have to write on your page. I recently told your mom we wanted to come visit but that didn't get to happen before hearing of your passing. To many memories to list here. Til we meet again my friend.  
Love you bunches!



Renee W - June 09 at 04:29 PM



Renee ~ thanks so much for taking the time to come to Mike's Celebration of Life Service. It was so nice seeing you, Talley, your daughter and Mom.  
Love, Mike's Momma ~

Dot Mathis - August 07 at 07:42 PM

LP

“ I love you daddy....give Aaron and grandpa a hug for me ❤️

lexie mathis pipkin - June 07 at 04:33 AM

MG

“ Oh my, I am positive that u are very pleased right now with how all of this is affecting me. All those years that we spent together on Waynesville. Then all that we shared since. The best of which is our beautiful Daughter. I have spent so much time trying to justify not trying to make a life with somebody that I loved so much. But at the same time could not hardly stand to be around sometimes. All I can do now is just try to figure out how I'm going to take my next breath without u on this earth. I just can not stand the i idea of a world without u in it. I am so greatful that u and Lexie were able have the closeness that y'all did these last couple of years. It's means so much to us both. I love u Michael Kevin Mathis my heart hurts so much right now. I don't think it will ever go away. I will never ever forget you. And if I'm not at ur service. It's because I'm not able to even stand looking at ur picture right now. And I don't know if I can hold it together. I will try to make myself go though. Cause I know you should want me to.., love always , Mandy

Mandy Goolsby - June 06 at 01:16 AM

DN

“ I remember the first time I ever met him we were at walmart and a mutual friend introduced us. I left and the next thing I knew I opened my door and there was Mike, to afraid to knock on the door because he didn't know what to say to me if I were to open it. All he said was I know this looks bad but straight up your hot and I want to get to know you better. He has been one of my closest friends every since. I will never get over this I feel like someone has punched a hole in my chest and ripped out my heart. I Love You Mike Mathis, this isn't how it was suppose to end, I will never forget you I will miss you till the day I die. I pray for your family, your sweet mother who I know you loved so much. I am praying for your whole family I hope this brings some kind of comfort to them. You were always the funniest guy in the room I always said you could do stand up sitting down. You will always be my 6ft. 7 protector, my personal body guard and the love of my life and future soul mate. So wait by that tree with your dad for me.  
I Love You Bigger than the Sky & Deeper than the Ocean.



DEBORAH K NIX - June 05 at 09:57 PM

AM

“ The one thing I will always remember about my dad is his humor. He always brought a bright spirit with him...he could light a room and have you all belly laughing. The world is a little less bright with his passing



amanda - June 05 at 11:28 AM

MC

“ Michele Clark lit a candle in memory of Michael Kevin Mathis



Michele Clark - June 05 at 11:21 AM

MC

You'll be missed Micheal 😞. I'll always remember jumping in your corvette scrambling for money to put gas in the car to get to the beach. Trying to fit 3 or more in the car. Lol. You have been taken way too early 😞. Please give my brother Paul a hug when you get to heaven. Fly high and free my friend. ❤️

Michele Clark - June 05 at 11:29 AM

SB

“ Sally Bell lit a candle in memory of Michael Kevin Mathis



Sally Bell - June 05 at 09:21 AM

LV

“ Linda Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Michael Kevin Mathis



Linda Vaughn - June 04 at 11:41 PM

LV

“ We all hung out back in high school together. Definitely a life taken way too soon. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the family. Rest In Peace

Linda Vaughn - June 04 at 11:40 PM