



Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell

April 25, 1946 - May 30, 2021

Statesboro, GA

Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell, age 75, passed away at home under the care of Ogeechee Area Hospice, and his wife who never left his side after a courageous 5 ½ year battle with cancer. Ed was a Christian. He was a member of the Statesboro Church of God, a church that his mother and grandparents help start.

Preceded in death by his first wife, Deborah Waller Mikell; his mother, Willie Mae Mikell; his father Ed Mikell; his brother, B.M. "Mike" Mikell; his sister Voncile Mikell Williams; his brother in law, Carlton Kelly Williams; two mother-in-laws, Annelle Weller of Wrightsville, GA and Annie Bell Key of Statesboro.

Ed was a member of the 1964 graduating class at Statesboro High School. He attended Abraham Baldwin College where he obtained a degree in history. He served in the U. S. Army stationed at Ft. Bragg in the 226th Light LEM Company from 1966-1968. Ed was employed by Statesboro Cable TV, and Meadow Gold Ice Cream before starting his own paint service, Mikell's Paint and Repair. Ed was actively involved in the Statesboro Jaycees from ages 20-36, at which time he became exhausted rooster. He served as president of the Jaycees in 1980. Ed enjoyed all types of music from oldies to opera. And, he loved to dance. He was a huge fan of the UGA Bulldogs, and loved tailgate grilling for friends and family when the Georgia Southern Eagle football program began. He loved visiting and vacationing Tybee Island beach in Savannah more than he loved any beach he visited thousands of miles away. The Smoky Mountains were his place of peace and solitude where he and Debra traveled to yearly. Ed loved people, never met a stranger that didn't eventually become a friend. He enjoyed life to the fullest! And was a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, uncle and friend to all that would allow him to be.

Ed is survived by his wife of 26 years, Debra Key Mikell; his step-son, Ryan Lee; daughter-in-law, Meagan Lee; his father-in-law, Mr. C. L. Waller; his sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws, Dianne and Phil Campbell of Statesboro and Michelle and Fred Cullens of Sandersville; and a brother-in-law, Fred Layton of Thailand. A special aunt, Myra Hood of Statesboro and nieces and nephews, Jenna Campbell Rockett (Richard), Ches Cullens (Katie), Tyler Cullens (Kendal), Tameria Mikell, Tina Marie McClain (Walter), Sean Mikell (Michelle) and Nick Mikell. He considered himself a substitute grandparent to Liam, Bodie

and Drake Johnson and loved when he was able to spend time with them. Ed loved the children that grew up in his neighborhood and in his life. Most are now grown, but still call him "Uncle Ed".

The family would like to thank everyone that provided a meal, those who sent texts and cards. And, a big thank you to those that visited during Ed's final days at home.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home Statesboro.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home with Pastor Carroll Gay officiating.

Interment will be in Bulloch Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Jackson Westberry, Luke Purvis, Matt Deal, Troy Donahue, Michael Akins, Dwight Thompson and Jimbo Anthony.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ed's morning breakfast friends, Ed's friends in the Wednesday night supper club, classmates (and spouses) of the Statesboro High School class of 1964, Jake and Theresa Beasley, Roy and Carlene Johnson, Tommy Brannen/Debbie Deal, and Gary and Judy Lewers.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Ogeechee Area Hospice, P.O. Box 531, Statesboro, GA 30459.

The service will be streamed using Facebook Live through a private group. Only members of the group will be able to view the service. In order to view the service, log into Facebook on your phone or computer and join the group "Joiner-Anderson Live Stream" at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jafhlive/>

Friends may sign the online register book at <http://www.joineranderson.com>.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery

Events

Bulloch Memorial Gardens
22002 Highway 80 East
Statesboro, GA, 30459

JUN
1

Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Statesboro
502 Miller Street Ext., Statesboro, GA, US, 30458

JUN
2

Service

01:00PM

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Statesboro
502 Miller Street Ext., Statesboro, GA, US, 30458

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - June 01, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ Beautiful wonderful memories to never be forgotten
Faye Franklin Westphal - June 01, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Such a moving, beautiful tribute to Ed.
Connie Williams - June 02, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ Debra your pictures are such a sweet and beautiful tribute to Ed! He was loved by so many and your pictures show that and what fun y'all had. Landrum and I send much love, prayers and hugs your way.
Pamela Hodges - June 02, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ Beautiful tribute to Ed. Many memories made that you can hold on to forever.
Harriet Agnew - June 02, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ Debra,
Beautiful pictures of a full and happy life! Ed will always live through the memories. Love you my dear friend.
Barbara Griffin Scobey - June 02, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ I sat down and watched this beautiful tribute after Ed's service today. The service was everything Ed would have wanted
This tribute made me cry with both tears of sadness and joy. So sorry for the pain he went through and happy now that he is pain free. Ed lived life and uplifted those around him. The kind of love that you and Ed have is to be cherished. Sending you love and prayers as you continue on through God's peace as you bask in these memories.
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Sandra Morgan - June 02, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ Absolutely beautiful.
Marie Stewart - June 02, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ Such a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. Debra the pictures show what a wonderful life you two had together! God bless you always.
Linda Roberts - June 02, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Oh my heart
Kelly McDonald - June 02, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ Just loved seeing all those beautiful memories that will last our lifetime. God Bless you we love you

Walter & Rhoda Barry - June 03, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to a life well lived. A precious thing.

Susan Hailey - June 07, 2021 at 06:24 AM



“ You and Ed were truly blessed with a special marriage and true love for each other. All you have to do to know that is look at the pictures in this tribute.

Sally & Glenn Brinson - July 01, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ Love and Sympathy

Mary Knight - June 03, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ Most beautiful video of a life well lived that I have ever had the pleasure to watch. What could I possibly add. The video of Ed and you, Debra, was evidence of a great loved that God gave to you both and to all that knew Ed. I remember that Ed visited with mom and dad in their home. One day, Ed came and daddy was picking out pecans. Ed said I got to go home and do that but I sure don't enjoy it. Daddy said that he like picking them out and told Ed to bring them over and he would be happy to do this. Debra, you called and ask me if daddy meant that. I said he sure did so tell Ed to take the cracked pecans to daddy. Well, a bit later, Ed went to their house with a paper bag full of cracked nuts and daddy picked them out for ya'll. Precious, sweet memories that are now so priceless. Ed was so good (in secret most of the time) to so many people. He was so kind and loving to mom and dad. That is something that money can't buy. Ed Mikell--a life greatly lived, enjoyed and loved by so very many. Thank you Lord from all of us for allowing Ed to be a part of our lives. Love you Debra and continue to live your Christian testimony for all to see.

Karen W Morris - June 02, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ To Debra Mikell you are in my thoughts and prayers come see me at the fountain at mulberry I've been there five years stay safe love you Bill Smith

William Smith - June 01, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ 170 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - June 01, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell.



June 01, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Thank you and Ed for sharing moments of your life, good times and bad, through Facebook comments and photos. To see the love and compassion you had for each other was so very touching and inspiring. Not everyone has been blessed with such great love between a man and his wife as you and Ed. Mom and Dad loved Ed and you so very much. Ed would brighten mom and dad's day when he would have breakfast at Vandy's with them. Ed always took time to visit and talk. It meant so much to them and to me also. Please know that I will continue to think and pray for you each day. So glad that God so loved the world and all of us too!



Deborah W Deal - June 01, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ I am so sorry of the loss of Ed. What a genuinely good and happy person. I followed his battle with cancer on FB and I must say that he never ever gave up the fight - what a strong and mighty warrior he was.

Thoughts and prayers with the family as you go through this very painful and sad time in your lives.

Helen Bussey McCloud

Helen - June 01, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ Sending prayers and peace for you and your family!!



Kimberly Duncan - June 01, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ Barbara & Arnold Deal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell



Barbara & Arnold Deal - June 01, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell.



June 01, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Ed was always a good friend, and during our Jaycee days when I was president he was always there to help when needed. You could always count on him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Hugh Deal - June 01, 2021 at 05:59 AM



“ Margie Lee Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell



Margie Lee Jones - May 31, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ Peggy Beachum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell



Peggy Beachum - May 31, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ Loved this man. Shared many good times. Whether gathering at his house or someone else's or at the river, we always shared our thoughts laughs and good food. Loved to watch him dance around. He will truly be missed. The life of the party.



Tommy and Debbie - May 31, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell.



May 31, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ My sincere condolences go out to Debra and Ed's extended family. Ed was a very good friend. I will always treasure our trips to The Masters Golf Tournament and our times spent together just being friends. I will miss him with all my heart.

Zack Smith III

Zack Smith - May 31, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ We know Ed loved music & loved to dance! He will be missed by so many! Arnold & Barbara Deal..



Barbara & Arnold Deal - May 31, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ Karen And Bill DeLoach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell



Karen and Bill DeLoach - May 31, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ Cherry Edmiston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ed Thomas Mikell



Cherry Edmiston - May 31, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ Ed was a sweet man. We're praying for Debra and all the family that God will comfort you by His grace.

Karen and Bill DeLoach - May 31, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ Debra, so sorry to hear this sad news. I know how it feels to loose your best friend. Praying for you and your family.

Patty Morris

Patty Morris - June 01, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ I love you My Brother.....And will miss you tremendously.

I could write a book with just the memories of things we've done together. So glad we had that long conversation last time I was home.

Debra, You are an Angel of the highest degree. My heart goes out to you. My sister Zan says you are the Best.....I am a believer.

Robby Hodges

Robby Hodges - June 01, 2021 at 08:19 PM