



Michael Ernest Hatley

January 20, 2021

Michael "Mike" Ernest Hatley, 67, of Stanfield passed away on Monday, January 18, 2020 at the Union County Hospice House in Monroe, NC. Due to Covid-19, the family will hold a private service at a later date.

Mike was born March 12, 1953 in Stanly County to the late Ernest Rufus Hatley and Gatha Mae Hatley. He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed coaching baseball, and watching his favorite team the Atlanta Braves. Mr. Hatley had a special love for his family. His family was with him throughout his entire journey at the end and they visited him every single day.

Mr. Hatley is survived by his wife Catherine "Cathy" Efrid Hatley of the home; sons: Neal Hatley (Emily Bell) of Sandy, OR and Nicholas Hatley (Courtney) of Washington D.C.; sister: Reba Hatley Burleson (Phil) of Angier, NC; brother: Dana "Perch" Sidney Hatley (Valerie) of Endy, NC; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

The family request that anyone who wishes would leave a story of Mike or online condolence at stanlyfuneralhome.com

Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Locust is serving the Hatley family.

Tribute Wall



“ I enjoyed building houses with Mike, Perch, Richard and a few others back in the 1980's, and have many great memories both from work and on the lakes fishing. One of my favorites was when we all ganged up after work and went right down the river bank from he and Cathy's home and waded Rocky River fishing with crickets for bream. We were all very young back then, and our wives joined us too some of the time. Cathy had a pet goat (or two?) back then too, and that joker got into some mischief!
Mike was a good man and a fair "boss" that treated us well. I am sad to hear of his passing way too early from this world, and just learned of this today doing some online searching for old friends.
Love and hugs to Cathy and the family,
John Helms
Hot Springs, AR

John Helms - December 22, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ Although we did not know mike personally, we were privy to much information about hi from Neil and Emily. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his beautiful family,
The Laureyns Family, Dick & Jane

Jane & Richard Laureyns - January 29, 2021 at 11:49 AM

LD

“ Dear Cathy,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy to you, Neal and Nick. It was our family's privilege to work with Mike for many years. He engendered trust and confidence in everyone he worked with and for. He was always willing to go beyond and above what was required. He just always gave his best. We are so proud to have known him .And getting to know you was an added blessing.

Linda and Ken Dowd - January 26, 2021 at 08:43 PM

PT

“ Cathy and family: I was so sorry to hear about Mike's death. However, is so wonderful to know that you all were there for him. May God bless you all . How wonderful to know you will see him again. Love to a great family.

Patricia Efird Tomberlin. - January 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM

CL

“ What a blessing Mike was to everyone he met!!! Cathy and Mike were youth pastors at Calvary and we're heroes to our children! Sharing the Gospel and giving their time unselfishly! With a heart like theirs we're excited to know we get to spend eternity with them!!! Love you!!!

Candice and Terry Lyon - January 25, 2021 at 08:27 AM

BN

“ Cathy, Nick and Neal words can't begin to express our sorrow for your loss. We have fond memories of the times we spent with Mike and your family. Mike was a kind, caring person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bob and Doreen Nelson - January 24, 2021 at 08:55 PM

BR

“ *Our prayers to the Hatley family.*

Bob Remsburg - January 24, 2021 at 06:37 PM

JF

“ *Mike has been a part of the Efird family for so long it's hard to imagine him not with us. It was always Mike and Cathy or Cathy and Mike. They were rarely apart and Cathy made sure that was going to continue through the entirety of Mike's illness. Mike was a family man who loved Cathy and his two sons Nick and Neal. The boys dropped their lives in Oregon and DC to be with him and Cathy and have remained. Their love is obvious and I'm sure Mike felt their devotion. What a wonderful family that showed us all how to selflessly and graciously carry on with a devastating situation. Love to them all*

Jane and Gary Foard - January 23, 2021 at 09:08 PM

EG

“ *Keeping you and Nick and Neal in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. May the God of all comfort fill you with His presence.. Rejoicing with you that Mike is with His Heavenly Father?*

Elaine Gorman - January 23, 2021 at 11:05 AM

GH

“ *Cathy, Nick, and Neal, we are so sorry about Mike's passing. May the God of all comfort be with you as you grieve, and as you also remember all the good things about him. We are praying for you.*

Gary and Donna Harwood - January 23, 2021 at 09:00 AM

SE

“Mike and Cathy were very much a part of my life growing up. I have many memories of hanging out with them in the 60's and early 70's. I always looked up to Mike as the guy who a lot about everything and shared all he knew with an unassuming genuine smile. He was always real. Always true. Cathy, Neal, Nick I am so sorry for your loss but so happy I had the opportunity to know this guy. Peace be with you.

Sam Elsamman - January 22, 2021 at 09:36 PM

CY

“Cathy, I am so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I send love and prayers that God will bless ,strengthen and comfort you and fill your heart with peace.

Carol Yow - January 22, 2021 at 05:47 PM

SR

“Our family has such fond memories of Mike and his family. The Hatley family has been a part of lives for a very long time, ever since our oldest sons grew up together in school. We remember taking summer beach vacations with Mike and his sweet family. Mike always had a smile on his face, was fun to be around, and would help anyone in any situation. He loved to play golf, fish, and he had one particular seafood restaurant he enjoyed taking us to whenever we were at the beach. He was a kind, positive person; someone we're thankful to call a friend. He was like a 2nd dad to our oldest son, and we will always cherish the memories we have of him. We are praying for Cathy, Nick, Neal and the family. We love you all dearly. May God give you peace and strength in the days ahead.

Sherree and Willie Rash - January 22, 2021 at 04:36 PM

MR

“ So thankful for the fish camp visits Mike and Cathy invited us to join in on. Good food but super great fellowship with them. These outings gave us an insight into the fine Christian husband and father Mike was. Always upbeat, positive and ready for a good laugh and some good fish. Such sweet memories.

Mike and Sue Riley - January 22, 2021 at 02:42 PM

MJ

“ In celebration to Mike's promotion to Glory I reflect back 30 years ago when Mike and Cathy shared the love of Jesus with my son's in Sunday School and then a couple years ago when they helped Glenn and myself during our square dancing lessons. Their helpful spirits have been a blessing for my whole family! I'm sure by now Mike has already talked to Noah about his boat ride and to Jonah about the big fish. He will be missed but God promised it is only temporal. For the best is yet to come!

Marilyn Jackson - January 21, 2021 at 08:45 PM

J-

“ I was lucky to have met Mike once but feel like I have known him longer just from Neal's stories. I do know he had an amazing family. A wife and two sons who were at his side every minute they were allowed to be with him. The love and care both boys have given Cathy is simply amazing. I am sure Mike is so proud of them. My memories are that he was a happy friendly person. He loved my dog and Hoadie took a liking to him as well. Dogs they say are great judges of character . Mike was definitely someone I was hoping would be in my life much longer. I will always see him in Neal.. I am grateful to Mike and Cathy for the men they raised. My love and prayers to all of you.

Jeannie Laureyns -Bell - January 21, 2021 at 07:28 PM

JW

“ *Praying for God's comfort and peace during this time of grief. Thankful for Resurrection hope and Mike's ultimate healing in Christ.*

Jim and Nancy White - January 21, 2021 at 07:11 PM

JY

“ *When Mike and Cathy lived off the Blue Ridge Parkway many years ago they were so kind to have Perch and me visit for a weekend. Mike and I played softball together for Eudy's Cabinet Shop. For three years. We always had a good time. Mike was a good shortstop and always the center of attention. I am sorry about Mike' passing and will keep your family in my prayers.*

Jim Yow - January 21, 2021 at 07:11 PM

CB

“ *Mike will be missed by all of us here in the Myrtle Beach area. He was always a pleasure to talk with and brought a smile to everyone he worked with. "Hey big guy", he would say to me when I would call him, that always made me smile. We all learned a lot from Mike, he was teaching even when he didn't know it! I wish you peace and strength during this difficult time, prayers for the family.*

Clint Bell - January 21, 2021 at 05:36 PM

LB

“ *I have had the pleasure to know, work, attend Church and Fish with Mike. Mike I am a better person for having you as friend and brother in the Lord. I had the priviliage to share and standing with Mike and Cath in worship of our Heaven Father. Mike your light is bright, what a joy to know you. You have enriched my life. Now you are Face to Face with our Heavenly Farther, standing whole and well. I ll close with See you.*

LeReese Barnhardt - January 21, 2021 at 01:55 PM

KH

“ Mike was a true pleasure to work with. He always kept us laughing, we miss him a ton. Our prayers are with his family. Ya'll were very dear to him

Kathryn Hucks - January 21, 2021 at 01:00 PM

AH

“ I have so many good memories of Uncle Mike and Aunt Cathy, I remember spending many nights with them! Uncle Mike was full of love , kindness, and knowledge. He was also a great example to young men as loving husband and father.

One of my favorite memories of him was when I was about 8 years old, me and Steven were walking with Uncle Mike, grandpa, uncle Tim,, and my dad were walking through the pasture, I grabbed the fence and it shook me because it was on and I blamed uncle Mike for shaking me , we all laughed when we realized it was the fence that shook me!

I know that he is in Heaven now because, his faith was always so strong, a wonderful example of a true Christian.

May God comfort Aunt Cathy, Nick, and Neal during this time.

We all love you so much,

Amanda, Tim, Travis, and Alaina

Amanda Huneycutt Hall - January 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM

DH

“ Mike and I went to school together 1st through 12th grade. Mike lived in front of the old ball field. My dad was a coach for the adult team so I was there all the time. So, in the first grade, Mike would come out and sit with me for the games. I don't know why I remember but he would wear navy blue keds. So many good memories in those 12 years. I'm so sorry to hear of his stroke and then his passing. Prayers for Cathy and family. 🙏

Danita Furr Hinson - January 21, 2021 at 09:35 AM

SH

“ I loved going to stay with Mike and Cathy when I was a kid . They have a beautiful home. I remember when Mike was building it i thought it was so amazing! I still remember their cats Torri and Tabbi. As a young teenager I worked for Mike some and he helped shape my love for carpentry. He truly was a great Christian role model and always gave the best advice. I remember us flying our Rado controlled planes together and later flying in his plane with him. He was a awesome uncle and will truly be missed. He is no longer in pain and is walking through on the streets of gold. Until we meet again love you uncle Mike.

Steven Huneycutt - January 21, 2021 at 08:45 AM

MK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was one of the kindest, most honest and trustworthy people I have ever known. It was an honor and privilege to know and work with him. Mike loved you, Neal and Nick so very much and was so proud. He always looked forward to the trips to the beach and the family tim! He was such a champion to me when my Mike got hurt. He stepped in when I was out of the office for the two months Mike was in the hospital, and kept problems from me with customers so I wouldn't worry. His work ethic was an incredible asset! He truly is a hero to me. He would help anyone that needed it. During the last conversation I had with Mike the week before he became sick, he told me how much he enjoyed being home with you Cathy and that you brought him coffee every morning as he sat at the computer working. His words were "this is the life"! Heaven has gained a true angel.

Mona Kelly - January 21, 2021 at 08:34 AM

CP

“ So many great memories of Mike the coach and Mike the man. Who can forget those baseball trips to Florida, especially that little incident at the house we were renting? Mike made so many sacrifices to help young men learn about baseball, but more importantly, about life. And I can say we, as adults, also learned humility and so many other life lessons from his as well. He is missed, but his future is secure. To all the Hatleys, our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Chuck, Barb, Aaron, Meredith Peacock

Chuck Peacock - January 21, 2021 at 07:52 AM

AH

“ Mike, I celebrate your graduation. I know you have been to the throne with Jesus and bowed in the Holy of Holies. I trust you have met family and friends including Coy, Jimmy, & Keith. Cathy, Nick, & Neal you are and have been covered in our prayers. Cathy, you and Mike have years of positive imprints in our hearts. We love you.

Aubrey, Carol, Amber, Kelly, & Carrie.

Aubrey W. Haigler - January 20, 2021 at 09:43 PM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I want to say Mike is someone I've always thought of being a great husband, father, friend, godly man, coworker and many more titles. I pray for anyone who knew him as he will be deeply missed.

David Holeman - January 20, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CF

“ So very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and your family

Connie Furr - January 20, 2021 at 09:16 PM

JY

“ Mike, a gentle humble, kind man, who would do anything in his power to help. He will be missed by all who know him. Cathy & family our prayers are with you for peace & comfort in the coming days ahead. We love you all like family. God be with you always!

JoAnne & Glenn Yow - January 20, 2021 at 04:18 PM

RM

“ Cathy and family ..We are so sorry for your lost ..I know Mike was so proud of his family and the way you guys were by his side in his time of need and there to love him and release him into a better place when the time comeOur prayers go out to you Cathy and to your family ...and also to Dana, Reba and the family we say we love you all and are so so sorry ...

Richard and Delaine Morton - January 20, 2021 at 02:16 PM

DB

“ Mike was a great guy! His knowledge of anything and everything you needed for living a Godly way. Jim and I have always valued the time we shared with you guys at church . My prayers are with your family.

Darlene Brooks - January 20, 2021 at 01:48 PM

PH

“ I will always have fond memories of Mike as a child. Moving to Midland in the late 80s Mike and Cathy were my church sunday school teachers. Mike always had a great time cutting up with us all and sharing the love of Jesus. What a testimate to such a great man! I lost touch with Mike for sometime but was able to reconnect with him at local bass tournaments. He was a great competitor and I always had great conversations with him. Mike you will be greatly missed but you taught me as a child that this isn't the end. My prayer is that the family have peace and comfort that they can believe in that promise.

Phillip Honeycutt - January 20, 2021 at 12:20 PM