



Michael Berryman

July 29, 1952 - January 24, 2020

Michael Edward Berryman departed this life on January 24, 2020. Mike was born on July 29, 1952, to the late Vincent Whitney and Thelma Otelia Berryman-Smith in Leesburg, VA. He was the oldest of five children. Sometimes in life, you get extras blessings over and over and Mike was that person. Mike met the late Dr. Robert Banner and his wife Marian, they fell in love with him and offered him a better education and more of a connection with the Equestrian world and now he had a dual family in both Virginia and Tennessee. Mike was educated in the Loudoun County Public Schools (Banneker Elementary and Douglas High School) and in Tennessee, he went to Dobyens Bennett High School and East Tennessee State University.

Mike accepted Christ as a young man and became a faithful member of Friendship Baptist in Johnson City, Tennessee. He held several positions in the church through-out the years. He loved his church family.

Mike's world revolved around training horses for many years. When he retired, he became employed in the health care field as a caretaker for clients with developmental disabilities. He loved his job and his clients.

In addition to the love for his horses, he loved his children. He had three daughters Monica and Tamara. He was also a proud grandfather who's blessings continued to grow and his smile got bigger when Jahmar, William

and Michael Aaron were born. Tamara outdid herself when she gave Aaron her father's first name and he had no problem with letting you know that Aaron was named after him. Then came Koryn his only granddaughter and soon after, her baby brother Camren. The smiles never stopped when Mike's grandchildren were visiting. Lest not forget Mike's nieces and nephews who thought the sun rose and set with uncle Mike.

Mike wore many hats, he was a father, grandfather, brother, significant other, and friend. When his sisters Linda and Sharon lost their husbands, Mike was the glue that held them together with phone calls, prayers, and words of encouragement. He was always lending a helping hand.

Mike met and fell in love with Myca Gray (fiancé) and planned to get married to her and move back to Virginia.

Mike was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma Berryman-Smith, father, Vincent Whitney and brother, Ronald Whitney Smith.

Mike leaves to cherish his loving family: Two daughters, Monica (Chris) Cannon, Winston-Salem, NC., Tamara Stevens, Johnson City, TN and step-daughter, Jeri Lyn (Thomas) Harrington, Virginia Beach, VA. Seven Grandchildren: Jahmar Adams, Johnson City, TN, William Adams, Charlotte, NC., Aaron Adams, Johnson City, TN, Koryn and Cameron Cannon, Winston/Salem NC, Austin and Patrick Harrington, Virginia Beach, VA. Five Sisters; Sharon Peterson, Middleburg, VA, Lois Smith, Annandale, VA, Linda Brooks, Upper Marlboro, MD, Bonnie Smith, Portland, ME., Nancy Inman, Purcellville, VA. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mike was a loving Father, Grandfather, Brother Uncle. Although known for his friendship and his big smile but most of all for his love of God.

Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day. Unseen,
Unheard and but always near; still loved. " Precious memories never die.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00pm Saturday February 1,2020 at
Friendship Baptist Church in Johnson City. The family will receive friends from
11:00am until 12:00pm at the church prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Berryman*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Kenneth(Ricky) McRath lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Kenneth(Ricky) McRath - February 27, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *Condolences and peace for the family*



Mary Rollins - February 17, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ *James &Brenda Charles lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



James &Brenda Charles - February 02, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MF

“ *Marchelle/Nathaniel Fields lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Marchelle/Nathaniel Fields - February 01, 2020 at 02:23 PM

JS

“ *JAY SCURRY lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



JAY SCURRY - February 01, 2020 at 12:29 PM

PM

“ *Mike will always hold a very special place in my heart, and in the hearts of my entire family. He was there for the highest of highs and the lowest of lows for my family, and I know that he is reunited in heaven with my family that have gone on before. I feel sure Mike continuing to keep watch over us all.
My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and many friends. God Speed Mikeyou were dearly loved.
Parker Haynes Minchin*

parker minchin - February 01, 2020 at 06:03 AM

DG

“ *Dee Gaitor lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Dee Gaitor - February 01, 2020 at 05:44 AM



“ *Georgia Ann Torrey*

Georgia Torrey - January 31, 2020 at 05:12 PM



God's blessings be upon all of you as you go forward in his name.

Georgia Torrey - January 31, 2020 at 08:18 PM

FF

“ *Fred & Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Fred & Jackie Fields - January 31, 2020 at 04:21 PM

SL

“ *Sharron Livingston lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Sharron Livingston - January 31, 2020 at 03:24 PM

AG

“ Mike was a very special man. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. I know he is steeple chasing in heaven.
Alisa and Freddie Goodson



alisa goodson - January 31, 2020 at 12:44 PM

DW

“ Diane Whittenburg lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



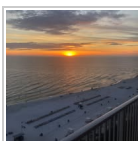
Diane Whittenburg - January 31, 2020 at 10:01 AM

SP

“ Mike was a fantastic brother, and will be missed until I take my flight love forever, and I surely will missed my weekly phone calls and laughing and saying Madea you are crazy I will talk with you later I got get ready for work or I am on the way church behave yourself.



Sharon Peterson - January 30, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ Robert Maupin lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Robert Maupin - January 30, 2020 at 08:27 PM

KS

“ Such a joy to work with. He is going to be missed by so many members of his work family. Hes the type that worked with a smile on his face and in his heart. Always said hi to everyone, I cant remember him ever having a bad day. Rest easy Mike



Kayla Skeide - January 30, 2020 at 07:02 PM

HF

“ Howie Kemper & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Berryman



Howie Kemper & Family - January 30, 2020 at 03:07 PM

HF

“ Howie Kemper & Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Howie Kemper & Family - January 30, 2020 at 03:04 PM

SW

“ Susan & Steve Wagner lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Susan & Steve Wagner - January 30, 2020 at 10:36 AM

DL

“ Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father to the family Jahmar, Will and Michael Aaron, I love you very much. My heart is broken.

Dianne Lyle - January 30, 2020 at 08:42 AM

LM

“ Mike's electric smile and huge personality will be missed by many. R.I.P. my friend.

Leeann Murphy - January 30, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ Pamela Renea sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Berryman



Pamela Renea - January 30, 2020 at 05:47 AM

TC

“ Mike was always so full of life, I am still stunned that he isn't here. I pray for his daughters & grand sons who he loved so very much. Ride well my friend, Ride well. Tina Countiss

Tina A Countiss - January 29, 2020 at 07:25 PM

RP

“ Renee Parman lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Renee Parman - January 29, 2020 at 11:56 AM

JD

“ Janie Dunbar lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Janie Dunbar - January 29, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Berryman.



January 29, 2020 at 10:01 AM

JB

“ Jim / Bev lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Jim / Bev - January 29, 2020 at 09:04 AM

JB

“ As neighbors of one of your work homes we will miss your always smiling neighborly face. You made a difference in each life you touched. You sure made a difference in our lives for the past two years. Until we meet again in our heavenly home Mike we will pray for peace and comfort for your family.

Jim and Bev - January 29, 2020 at 08:56 AM

DH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dwayne Horton - January 29, 2020 at 12:12 AM

JH

Mike was a wonderful friend to my father and our family! Always there with a smile. May his family find peace during this time.

Janean Horton - January 30, 2020 at 11:37 AM

CO

“ Conniethompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Berryman



conniethompson - January 28, 2020 at 07:43 PM

SM

“ Condolences to your family from a high school classmate that really liked Mike. We used to call him the "Virginian". He always had a funny story to tell. May God bless him and his family.



Steven & Peggy Machen - January 28, 2020 at 06:05 PM

VP

“ Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Berryman



Viola Patton - January 28, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Mike was the best friend anyone could have. I've known him since we were teenagers and he was like a brother to me. He was always there when you needed him, always. Mike never had an unkind word to say about anybody and he always saw the best in people. He was so proud of his daughters and his grandchildren and he loved you all so much. There will never be anyone like him.

Anne Moss - January 28, 2020 at 01:03 PM

CM

Mike an i we're friends for years. A lot of great times. Will miss his smiling face. Kick on buddy 🙏🐾😊

cathy murphy - January 29, 2020 at 08:16 PM

VA

“ *Vanessa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Vanessa Anderson - January 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM

ML

“ *Mary Latham lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Mary Latham - January 27, 2020 at 10:09 PM

LC

“ *I was very saddened to learn of Mike’s passing. I knew him many years ago in East Tennessee, where he taught me how to ride and introduced me to the world of steeplechasing. I remember Mike as being totally fearless and completely intuitive when it came to working with horses. He could wrestle a recalcitrant beast to the ground one minute, and have him eating out of his hand the next. Horses would give their all for him, and then some. People, too. Mike was charming and good-hearted, and as my Dad would have said, he never met a stranger. We had many years of good times at Holly Hill, where he introduced me to my dear and lifelong friend, Lathan (Len) Leonard. I stayed in touch with Len, but lost touch with Mike for many years. I reached out to him when Len passed away three years ago, and we reconnected briefly. I was glad to see that Mike seemed happy in his life, and very connected to his family and friends. My deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones.*

Linda Carlton - January 27, 2020 at 09:35 PM

IS

“ Mike and I are friends from way back (1971). I treasure the times we spent together. So sorry to hear of his passing. Thoughts and prayers to all those he left behind. *Ivan R. Smith*

Ivan R. Smith - January 27, 2020 at 08:57 PM

Tonya Osborne

“ Tonya Osborne lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Tonya Osborne - January 27, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Lori Parks - January 27, 2020 at 05:09 PM

KG

“ Kate Guthrie lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman



Kate Guthrie - January 27, 2020 at 01:12 PM

JC

“ *Janice Cash lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Janice Cash - January 27, 2020 at 11:28 AM

JF

“ *Joe Fritz lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Joe Fritz - January 27, 2020 at 07:29 AM

CO

“ *Conniethompson lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



conniethompson - January 26, 2020 at 09:07 PM

MC

“ *Marva Conley lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Marva Conley - January 26, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MC

ALLEN and I have known Mike for several years. He was one of our Ushers at Friendship Baptist Church. He will be missed. My God be with his family and grandchildren.

Marva Conley - January 30, 2020 at 12:28 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenlee lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Nancy Greenlee - January 26, 2020 at 04:19 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Michael Berryman*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - January 26, 2020 at 04:16 PM

GF

“ *Gary & Moricina Fain sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Berryman*



Gary & Moricina Fain - January 26, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *I just want to Thank God for allowing Mike to be a part of my life for over 50 years.*

David Horton

David Horton - January 26, 2020 at 11:53 AM