

Jerry "Mike" Davis

October 19, 1946 - February 4, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Jerry Michael "Mike" Davis, 76, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2023. The family will receive friends on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home (6815 Parkview Blvd. Olive Branch, MS). A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. An interment will be in East Prairie, MO at a later date.

Mike was born on October 19, 1946 in East Prairie, MO, where he grew up on a farm with his parents, Irene and Albert Davis, and his brother Glenn, all of whom preceded him in death. He loved drag racing and had an impressive collection of trophies from winning races in Missouri, but his mom, Irene, always made sure that she had a faster car.

He moved to Memphis for college, then honorably served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the First Cavalry, and served as a Chinook helicopter mechanic during his time in Vietnam.

Afterwards, he came back to Memphis and joined the Memphis Fire Department, where the other firemen gave him the nickname "Dawg". He served there for thirty-two years. After retiring from the Fire Department, he

joined the Desoto County MS Sheriff's Department.

He loved motorsports and spent many years racing his purple and pink Sprint car #00D, and when he had a good race, he'd often lead the fans in the stadium in a festive rendition of the Snoopy Dance.

Mike always felt that life was a quest for the perfect cheeseburger. He said that nothing could top Kersey's Burgers in his hometown of East Prairie, but he'd drive to the ends of the earth to find a hole-in-the wall burger joint, and he'd often gather his daughters and take off on the next great burger adventure.

After retiring from the DCSO, he spent his time exploring the country with his partner, Jane Thompson, who preceded him in death. When not traveling with Jane, he spent his time riding his motorcycle, fishing, babysitting his grandpuppies, and working as a part-time security guard at Jackpot Bingo Hall.

He leaves behind his three daughters, Kelly Davis, Shannon Davis, and Tarra Davis, and his two chosen daughters, Tiffany Leath Anderson and Betty Ajax.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Jerry Michael Davis's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

In honor of Jerry Michael "Mike" Davis's service to our country, the flag of the United States Army will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home the day of the services.

Online condolences can be made on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry "Mike" Davis



Coleman Funeral Home - February 08, 2023 at 05:05 PM

LK

“ We lived close when we were five years old. My Dad had a motorcycle--he loved it. We played together often and had so much fun. He was a wonderful kid and man. My heart is broken--Much Love to his daughters--he worshiped them. I will always remember him

lyvonda kirkeiner - February 12, 2023 at 09:35 PM

KS

“ Mike and I graduated from school together in East Prairie in 1964 but we first met in 1st grade. Mike and I ran together some our senior year. He had me talked into going with him to Memphis for business school. I backed out for some unknown reason. We kind of lost touch but reconnected at our 35 reunion and stayed in contact after that. So sorry to hear of his passing. The family is in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Kenny Stokes - February 09, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry "Mike" Davis.*



February 09, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ *I worked with Jerry at the 50's Engine house in the late 80's. It was my pleasure always to share out duties and play cards. Picking on others was always fun when he helped me. We fought a few fire together and he was very good at this. So very sorry to read about his passing.*

Harvey Herring - February 09, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Jerry "Mike" Davis.*



February 09, 2023 at 06:26 AM



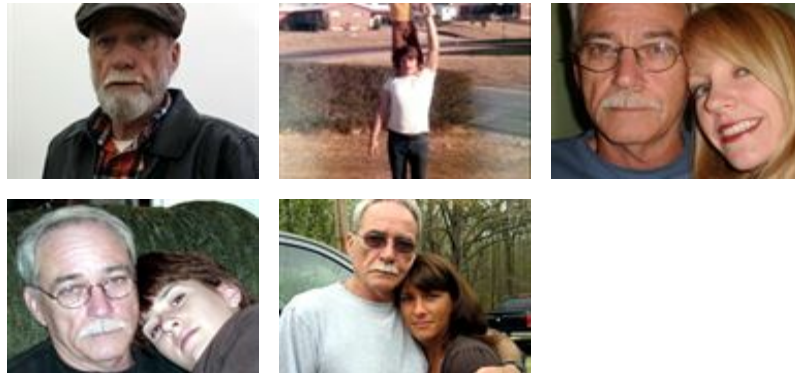
“ *It didn't matter wether I called him Jerry or Mike we were always friends. I remembered him coming by my produce stand to buy tomatoes and stay and visit. Always remember Kelly, Shannon, and Tara that each of you were tha Apple of his eye and it showed each time he talked about you. God Bless and RIP.*



Ronald Clayton - February 08, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Coleman Funeral Home - February 08, 2023 at 04:38 PM

RS

“ *Republic Services purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Jerry "Mike" Davis.*



Republic Services - February 08, 2023 at 03:31 PM

DD

“ *I sure did look forward to seeing Mike working security at Bingo. Me and Mike could sit for hours and share our military stories. It never got old listening to all of Mike's stories. He was a joy to be around and I pray for peace and comfort for his family.*

Doug Dickerson

Doug Dickerson - February 08, 2023 at 02:40 PM

ES

“ *We were cutting donuts in the snow in his pickup truck, in East Prairie . He was a great friend. The world got a little darker without him.*



Everett Stevens - February 07, 2023 at 03:55 PM