



Michael Gafford

October 28, 1948 - May 14, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Michael Gafford, 75, died peacefully surrounded by his family on May 14, 2024, in Oxford, Mississippi.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Shiloh Baptist Church (31 Co Rd 429, Oxford, Mississippi 38655). The funeral service celebrating his life will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 12:00 PM in the sanctuary of Shiloh Baptist Church.

Mike, born October 28, 1948, was the son of the late Walter A. (Bud) and Jeanne Emerson Gafford of Avon, Mississippi.

Mike graduated from Riverside High School in 1967 and some two years later married his beloved wife Nancy Bolt Gafford on December 21, 1969, and soon deployed to Vietnam. Mike proudly served his country in the Army. He was a member of the A Troop 2nd 17th Cavalry 101st Airborne and was on active duty in Vietnam in 1970. Mike was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery during the war.

Mike was immensely proud of his family, especially his daughters, Cole and Sommer, and his four grandchildren, Blake, Presleigh, Luke, and Olivia.

Beyond his role as a family man and soldier, he worked as a research technician for the United States Department of Agriculture until his retirement. Mike belonged to the body of believers at Shiloh Baptist Church in Oxford, Mississippi.

Although he has departed from our presence, Mike's memory will hold a special place in the hearts and minds of his loved ones.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Gafford, of Oxford, Mississippi; two daughters, Cole (Michael) Loper of Oxford, Mississippi, and Sommer Thompson of Taylorsville, Mississippi; and four grandchildren: Blake Loper, Presleigh Loper, Luke Loper, and Oliva Loper all of Oxford, Mississippi. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Walter A. (Bud) and Jeanne Emerson Gafford; two brothers, Richard Gafford and Bobby Gafford; and one sister, Pam Gafford.

In place of traditional flowers, the family has requested that monetary donations be given to the Shiloh Cemetery Fund.

The Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford staff is committed to providing the highest level of care and attention to detail as they stand by the family during this challenging time.

The community's support and online condolences can be shared on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

CR 429
Oxford, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shiloh Baptist Church
31 CR 429
Oxford, MS 38655

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Shiloh Baptist Church
31 CR 429
Oxford, MS 38655

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and the family So many good memories if Mike and his famil
Tom and Val Ray

vallerie ray - May 16, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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“ Perry Ellis and Gerry Ellis and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Gafford.

Perry Ellis and Gerry Ellis and Families - May 16, 2024 at 05:01 PM

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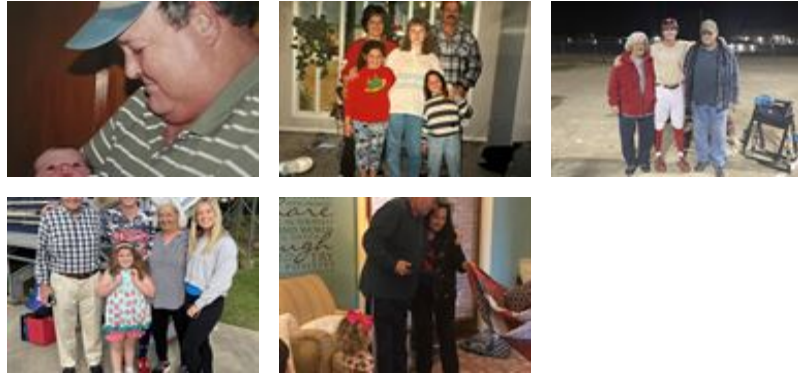
“ Perry Ellis and Gerry Ellis and Families purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Michael Gafford.



Perry Ellis and Gerry Ellis and Families - May 16, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - May 16, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ Mike was a good friend and a tough football player. Booger Bayles

Boyd Bayles III - May 16, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Sweet and Caring Man always with a smile. He was a great Coach to many Kids over the years! Deeply loved his family. He will be missed. Prayers for all family 🙏

Paula Jane and Andy Drummond - May 16, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ Love, Chris & Kristi Kleather purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael Gafford.



Love, Chris & Kristi Kleather - May 16, 2024 at 08:10 AM

DP

“ *Mr. Mike always had that sweet smile on his face when you would see him. Love you Ms. Nancy*



Donna Pickens - May 16, 2024 at 07:11 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Gafford.*



May 16, 2024 at 06:48 AM

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“ *Jimmy and Wanda Risher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Gafford.*

Jimmy and Wanda Risher - May 16, 2024 at 06:48 AM