



Forever In Our Hearts

“Mike”

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Funeral Service

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC

Order of Service

Processional, "Rainbow"	by Kacey Musgraves
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Pastor Danny LeRoy
Reading of Psalm 23	Pastor Clint Nelson
Remarks	Pastor Clint Nelson
Special Music, "The Lighthouse"	Pastor Clint Nelson
Sermon	Pastor Danny LeRoy
Closing Prayer	Pastor Danny LeRoy
Recessional, "Bubbles Up"	by Jimmy Buffett

The service will conclude at Polly Ann Davis Cemetery.
Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession to the Cemetery.

*A meal will be provided for friends & family immediately following the burial at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum.
(Just down the road from the Cemetery)*

Pallbearers Bentley Brooks Brent Gaskill Gary Greene
 David Ronald Guthrie Lee Lawrence Kendall Showfety

Honorary Pallbearers Pizza Kannan Charlie Hoffman Ian Hoffman
 Eric Murphy Larry Willis

William Michael "Mike" Guthrie, 69, of Harkers Island, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 1, 2023, at his home.

A funeral service to honor Mike's life will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 5th at Munden Funeral Home, officiated by Rev. Clint Nelson and Rev. Danny LeRoy. Interment will follow at Polly Ann Davis Cemetery on Harkers Island. The family will receive friends one hour prior.



William, known by all as Mike, was born on September 10, 1954, in Sea Level, North Carolina, to the late William Bell and Emma "Frankie" Guthrie. Growing up along the Carolina coast, Mike developed an unwavering love for the water. He embarked on a career centered around his passion, starting as a deckhand on the R/V Dan Moore, and ultimately rising to the skilled position of Captain on the Carolina Coast with the Marine Fisheries. Mike's dedication and expertise were apparent to all, making him an admired and respected figure in his field. Mike was the captain of several charter boats, including Kokonutz and Peggy, in which they placed in numerous fishing tournaments. Mike also enjoyed speckled trout fishing.

Beyond his love for the sea, Mike enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. Sundays were his cherished relaxation days. His favorite sports team was the Tar Heels and he proudly cheered them on. He found happiness in spending quality time with his family, especially his precious grandchildren, whose laughter brought joy to his heart.

Mike's culinary skills were unmatched, and he took great pleasure in cooking delicious meals. Whether he was setting up camp under the stars or embarking on exciting journeys, Mike embraced the sense of adventure that life had to offer, leaving a legacy of unforgettable memories along the way.

Mike is survived by his devoted wife, Sara Lee "Sug", who stood by his side through every triumph and challenge. Along with his daughter, Sarah Guthrie Rivenbark of Straits; son, Brandon Guthrie (Gena) of Wilmington; stepdaughters, Brooke Kenworthy (Lance) of Wilmington and Monica Smith (Thomas) of Beaufort; sister, Cynthia LeRoy (Danny) of Kernersville; grandchildren, Memphis, Cameron, Isla, Luca, and Connor; and nephews, Kris, Matthew and Josh.

As an expression of sympathy, flowers are welcome or memorial contributions may be made to the SECU Family House at UNC Hospital or the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.

WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

Helen Steiner Rice

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

