



Mr. Michael Alan O'Kelley

August 5, 1970 - April 19, 2024

Mr. Michael Alan O'Kelley, 53, of Morganton, NC, entered eternal rest on Friday, April 19, 2024. He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife: Shelley Orf; children: Erin Harris and Emma O'Kelley; parents: Charlest Easton O'Kelley and Joyce Ann O'Kelley; grandchild: Sawyer Kaczmarek; siblings: Tim O'Kelley and Terri Jowers and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a Plant Director.

Service of Life Celebration

Thursday, April 25, 2024

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Rev. Bryan McNeal Sr. Memorial Chapel

4129 Highway 17 North

Awendaw, SC

Cemetery Details

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens

Tribute Wall

TE

“ Two years have passed, but thankfully, life with you here still feels like it was yesterday. We share fun and special memories of you all the time. I pray that the precious time we had with you and all the beautiful memories made with you never feel long ago. We continue to miss you deeply, but oh, what hope we are able to have because of Jesus and His amazing gift of eternal life! Forever loving you, your little sister

TE - April 20 at 12:11 AM

TE

“ Mike, we miss you so much. Holidays are not the same, life is not the same without you. We find joy in Jesus each day, and sharing sweet memories of you brings happiness to our hearts, but there is always an aching there that we know will be there as long as we are on this earth. As time goes on, I recognize more and more all that you did to try and make sure you left us with a lot of memories and love to comfort us in your absence. Thank you for caring the way you did. We love and miss you so much.

TE - January 02 at 12:21 AM

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“ It is your birthday and your family felt so many emotions today. There was so much joy found in reflecting on the time we had with you. We shared memories and photos of you today, and that was so comforting. I listened to you sing and play guitar and I looked at photos of our family throughout the years- I am so thankful that those moments are captured. It was also a very difficult day. We still have a lot of aching in our hearts and miss you beyond what any words can relay, but we are clinging to the hope that Jesus gives- it is truly the only thing that can get us through the heartbreak of losing you. We love you, Mike.

TE - August 05, 2025 at 11:49 PM

TE

“ Today marked one year since you left this earth. Many tears continue to be cried over your absence, and we all miss your love and laughter so much. Holidays and birthdays have not been the same without you. In fact, they were quite difficult at times, but we did our best to honor your memory the way you would want us to- you always wanted everyone to be happy and make memories together. Thank you for loving us that way. God is so merciful and even through the heartache of living life without you, He has blessed our family so much. Tim and I each became grandparents over the last year and just like you always said, it is awesome! The babies bring so much joy to the entire family! Mike, we miss you more than words can say. We continue to be so thankful for the time we had with you, and we are especially thankful for the hope of being reunited with you in eternity, at the feet of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Mom said today that you are not gone, you are just waiting for the day that we are all reunited. We love you dearly.

TE - April 20, 2025 at 12:28 AM

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“ It's your birthday which, from now on, will always be a day that is extra full of emotions for all of us that love you. Greatest of all, we will always feel comforted on this day through the hope Christ gives us, knowing that we can all be reunited again one day. Praise the Lord for that hope! The sweet and the funny memories that you made with us and for us will always warm our hearts and bring smiles to our faces. I am sure that Mom and Dad will always reflect upon the joy of bringing home their precious baby on this day, and they will remember all the excitement and happiness that they got to experience as new parents. I remember telling you last year, on your birthday, that if you hadn't made such a great first impression on Mom and Dad, Tim and I might not have ever been born- Haha. We will forever look at photos of you and hold them closely, while longing to hear your voice and feel your hug. I'm sure that for a long time to come, we will feel like this can't be real and our hearts will hurt at the thought of going through life without you, but this is where we can come back around to that glorious hope that you are with Jesus, your trials are over, and that we will see you again one day. With that hope, we can joyfully celebrate on this day and every day, your earthly birthday and all the years that God gave us with you, knowing that you are now living the best days of your life, eternally, with our Saviour. We love you, Mike.

TE - August 05, 2024 at 01:57 AM

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“ Michael was moved deeply by this sermon clip. He sent it out to his siblings and parents upon discovering it several months ago. He said that it really shook him to the core and gave him so much to think about. I encourage anyone reading this to watch it, and to then find the video of the full sermon. Michael would want this message shared with everyone.



Terri - April 27, 2024 at 07:21 PM

JO

“ Mike, I learned so much about life from, and with you. In spite of my imperfections, you loved your mama, and I thank you, son, as I loved you too.

Joyce O'Kelley - April 27, 2024 at 07:20 PM

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“ My Dear Brother, Our hearts are broken knowing that our time with you on this earth has already come to an end. Our family is so thankful for the time we had with you and for the gift of your beautiful daughters. They are the most precious reminder of you, and they will continue to be dearly loved by your family. I will cherish every memory, every phone call, every hug, every text received (especially those middle of the night chats), every funny voicemail you left, every visit with you, and my stuffed bunny that you couldn't believe I still have. I've never known anybody that was better about calling and checking in with people. You were so thoughtful and we are all going to miss those phone calls. I will be forever thankful for our talks about the Lord, the Bible, Repentance, and Salvation. That sermon that you sent will always be my favorite. I will look forward with much hope to the day that we are together again with our Lord and Saviour in Eternity. Love, Your Little Sister

Terri - April 27, 2024 at 06:07 PM

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“ Even though we hadn't talked in a while, I still remember how much you could make me laugh and feel like I could do anything. The time you spent with us kids is something I will always cherish, and it would take me many pages to list out our misadventures, with lots of great music that we danced and sang to. I still sing or hum the little jingles you created either for or with us. I wish I could have gotten to speak with you before you went on, but I hope with all my heart that you find eternal peace, and I love you. We miss you so much.

Emma O'Kelley - April 27, 2024 at 03:59 PM

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“ Walker & Shannon Owen. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Michael Alan O'Kelley.



Walker & Shannon Owen. - April 24, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Alan O'Kelley.



April 23, 2024 at 03:28 PM

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“ Ty Harrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr Michael Alan O'Kelley.

Ty Harrison - April 23, 2024 at 03:28 PM

KH

“ Michael, you will forever be in our hearts and memories. Even though we didn't keep in touch, I was able to keep up with you through your mom, she always shared where you were and what you were doing. I will miss that. Aunt Karen.

Karen Hufstetler - April 23, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CO

“ My Son Michael, We miss you and love you so much. You always kept in close touch with your family even with the busy life you had moving around the country. over the years. I knew you would be successful from an early age. You were good at sports, very outgoing and hard headed. I remember when we purchased you a small Motorcycle made of plastic. I had to pick up the cycle and you for the cashier to ring up the cycle You brought much joy and laughter to your family and friends over the years.
Love, Dad

Charles O'Kelley - April 23, 2024 at 07:59 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Alan O'Kelley.



April 22, 2024 at 10:56 PM

KF

“ Kevin Coy & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Michael Alan O'Kelley.



Kevin Coy & Family - April 22, 2024 at 08:35 PM

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“ Charles and Joyce, Dianne and I are deeply saddened by the loss of your beloved Michael. We pray for God's Comfort and Blessings for your family today and always.

Harry and Dianne Leach

Harry Leach - April 22, 2024 at 02:36 PM