



Mr. Michael Waters

August 19, 1961 - December 17, 2017

Michael Kent Waters, 56, died Sunday, December 17, 2017 at his mother's residence. Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Visitation will be held Friday, December 22, 2017 at Kimbrell-Stern from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Rev. Steve Hurley will officiate. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

Mike had a passion for music, welding, motorcycles and animals. He took great pride in knowing that he was able to help others achieve their goals in life. His exceptional talents and experience enabled Mike to teach others how to play the guitar, as well as the vocation of welding. Their success brought him a great sense of accomplishment and pleasure. Mike was well respected by his friends, family, students and colleagues. Some of their comments include, "Mike is a legacy in Albany for his ability to play the guitar.," "Mike helped me get this job.," "I owed him a lot."

Mike will be missed by many. We trust and believe by faith that he accepted Jesus and is in a better place in Heaven.

Survivors include his mother, Elizabeth Waters of Albany, a brother, Terry Waters and his wife, Barbara, and a nephew, Jarrod Waters all of Dacula, GA.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, William Waters and a brother,

Steve Waters.

Those desiring may make memorials to the Albany Humane Society, 1705 W. Oakridge Dr., Albany, GA 31707, American Cancer Society, 507 W. 3rd Ave., Albany, GA 31701 or to the JDRF, 26 Broadway 14th Floor, NY, NY, 10004.

To share your thoughts with the Waters family, you may visit our website at www.kimbrellstern.com .

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mike Waters could make that Les Paul scream! He was a kind person and excellent teacher. Heaven has a helluva band.*

Jon Duke - June 10, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ *Mr. Michael Waters*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Michael Waters*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Mike was on of the most kind hearted and giving people that I have ever met. He was always there with a kind word or word of encouragement. I thank God for giving me the honor of knowing such a phenomenal person. This is not good-bye, this is until we meet again with our heavenly father paradise. Mike you are truly missed.*

*Yolanda Smith- Albany Technical College welding student
"Cool Chick"*

yolanda smith - December 31, 2017 at 01:30 PM



“ *The most beautiful soul.*

ADEL TATE - December 31, 2017 at 03:27 AM

HP

“ *Holli Parr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Waters*



Holli Parr - December 27, 2017 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ *I will always have fond memories of Mike . Because of years of his tutelage at the school he helped me become a better welder and in the process a better person. He also shared his love for music, guitars and equipment. Mike was an extremely talented individual who left us way too soon . My heart goes out to the family as this is a great loss. His friendship will be greatly missed . God bless you Mike.*

Jeff Cornell - December 22, 2017 at 06:39 PM

GL

Mike was a good man and had the patience of Job teaching me the guitar. Thanks my friend

Gary Lloyd - December 23, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *To this day I pick up my guitar every single day and thank Mike for teaching me to play. He is always in my heart and mind. I wish I could come today and tell you how important he is to me and my life. Today I will play for him. Love you Mike. Keep jamming and some day you can correct my playing again.*

Sean Morrison - December 22, 2017 at 01:16 PM

HW


I wanted my cousin Mike to teach my baby boy how to play that my father whom has passed to teach Mike ... Uncle Grayson my dad and Mike is playing for us all in heaven

Heather Carnline waters - December 22, 2017 at 08:44 PM

AT

This really can't be true Sean.

adel tate - December 31, 2017 at 02:48 AM


Stephan Gerbert

Just found out last night. I am devastated. He was such an awesome sweet human being. My husband and I are heartbroken. He was my buddy and decade after decade all he ever was was kind to me. An exceptional human being and friend. Man.....

Stephanie Gerbert - March 04, 2018 at 07:22 AM

MF

“ *Although I only knew of Mr. Waters for a short period of time he was always very respectful and very helpful. He and I were in orientation together and he was the most informative one there. When I saw him he always had on a hat, his sunglasses and had his hands in his pockets. He had such a kindred spirit and I can assure you he will truly be missed here at Turner.*



Mrs. Foster - December 22, 2017 at 12:47 PM

BU

“ *Very found memories of Mike hanging out at our house. He was like a cool uncle to me, and a very special friend to my mom and dad. Luckily we kept in touch through the years and had long conversations about pretty much anything. Even better, while he was an exceptional guitar player and musician, he had so many other things to contribute to a persons life. If you knew nothing else about him, you knew he loved his momma!! Hard news to hear about his passing, but I know my dad is loving it right now jamming with him again. Love you Mike, show them how it's done up there.*

Bill Usher - December 22, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mikes family. Mike, Mike McKinley, and myself were really good friends in high school and after. I lost track of Mike after I joined the Navy and moved away but never forgot the friendship and times we enjoyed.*

Tony Moyo - December 22, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Waters .*



December 22, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Waters .*



December 22, 2017 at 07:06 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Waters .*



December 22, 2017 at 01:06 AM



“ *Mike will be missed by so many. He was a very special person. I remember watching him play up town during my teenage years. Rip Mike*

Gena Burnham - December 21, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolences. I knew Mike from Albany Tech. He was a great guy.*

Connie Lundy - December 21, 2017 at 09:02 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shsun Higgs - December 21, 2017 at 07:23 PM

SH

At a loss for words. Our hearts are torn beyond measure.

Lifting his family in prayer during this most difficult time.

Barry & Shaun Higgs

Shaun Higgs - December 21, 2017 at 07:49 PM

AT

Thank you for posting the picture.

adel tate - December 31, 2017 at 12:09 AM

JB

“ *Mike taught me how to weld and was also a great friend to talk to. I spent many hours talking and cutting up with him. U will be missed brother.*

Junior Burgess - December 21, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Waters .*



December 21, 2017 at 12:03 PM

MS

“ A long time ago Mike was my guitar instructor at georgia music and stereo. He was an awesome guitar player. I lost track of him over the years. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. The world is a lesser place without him...

Mal Simmons - December 20, 2017 at 04:13 PM

AT

This is for real right?

adel tate - January 02, 2018 at 09:03 AM

TH

“ I am so sorry to hear this, my heart is breaking. Mike was very special to me. His smile was infectious. Heaven is definitely a brighter place with him. My prayers are with the family.

Trisha Henderson - December 20, 2017 at 09:09 AM

DR

“ Mike and I meet through music and became best friends. He was a great friend and Band mate. His guitar Sound was big and bold just like him. He will be missed.

Dale Rock

Dale Rock - December 20, 2017 at 07:11 AM

RG

“ Mike Waters taught me how to play guitar, be a friend, and how to teach. I never thought at the time that learning Randy Rhoads or Michael Schenker guitar parts in the back of Stalling’s Music in Albany, Georgia during the late 70’s and early 80’s would have laid the deep foundations for me becoming a physician and teaching over a decade of Emory and Georgia State University medical and graduate students, psychiatry residents, and fellows. But it did. Mike had a warm and ready smile, kind words, and generosity with his time for everyone he met. If only we could all be like Mike. The world is darker for Mike’s passing into shadow. All I can say for myself, and on behalf of the physicians and scientists whose lives Mike indirectly touched, is Thank You.

Rickey Gillespie - December 20, 2017 at 02:38 AM

SW

“ To every kid in Albany that ever picked up a guitar Mike was nothing short of an absolute God. We’d all go to Stallion Music and Georgia Music & Stereo to worship at his feet to marvel and hope he’d show us a song or a lick or anything to help us improve our craft. And he always did! He was kind, compassionate, giving and one of the all around best people I’ve ever had the privilege to know. His legacy to/for all musicians from the SW Georgia area will live for generations... literally. Most of all he was a great person. What an incredible life and mark to leave on this world. My condolences to his family. Know that his influence will live forever. And I know he’s jamming with Uncle Ed. RIP brother. THANK YOU!!!!

Stan Whatley - December 20, 2017 at 01:29 AM

CL

Amen

Connie Lundy - December 21, 2017 at 09:04 PM

Gloria
Kirkland

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Michael's passing! I hate hearing this! As a child/family member growing up in Albany, not far from where Aunt Betty, Uncle Bill, Michael and Terry lived, we didn't see them that often, but, enjoyed being around them when we did have the opportunity. Then, my family and I moved away to the Atlanta area when I was still in High School. Life happened, and I didn't return to this area until years later. My mother and I would travel to Albany to see/visit with family as often as we could. When Michael's daddy was so sick, we tried to visit more. Saw Michael there often, seeing about his parents. I know he was such a big comfort to his mama after the passing of his daddy. Sending my heartfelt condolences to Aunt Betty, Terry and all the remainder of the family. May God bring much peace, comfort and strength to each of you in the moments ahead, and may the many good memories bring a smile to your face and some joy to your broken hearts....



Gloria Kirkland - December 19, 2017 at 11:31 PM

RC

Gloria, this is Glynda, do you know any details about what happened to him? I am on my way from Florida to Albany!

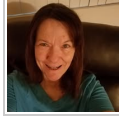
robert connell - December 19, 2017 at 11:53 PM

KB

“ Ms. Betty, our prayers are with you. Mike was devoted son and a great guy. He helped to make work fun in Freedom Hall during my time at Albany Tech and he loved to reminisce about his days as a guitar instructor (and how he taught my husband many moons ago). We will miss him dearly.

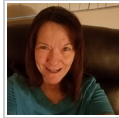
May God's peace shine upon you at this time and always.

Kristi Baranko - December 19, 2017 at 09:30 PM



Very saddened to hear of Mike's , I have not seen Mike since we were kids. My deepest condolences to Aunt Betty, and Terry and the entire Waters Family. Fly High Mike let your wings soar. Your cousin in AZ.

Cindy Waters - December 20, 2017 at 02:21 AM



Of Mike's passing....sorry

Cindy Waters - December 20, 2017 at 02:23 AM

 Trici
Lyn

“ *I am saddened by the news of Mikes passing. We grew up together on James drive. His light shoNE brightly in this world. Loved getting those friendly hugs when I'd run into him over the years at Morees. Rest sweetly my childhood friend! Ms. Betty I know he loved you more than words can say. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. Terry, so sorry for your loss. ~ Trici*

Trici Lyn - December 19, 2017 at 08:47 PM

SC

“ *Mike was a fellow musician, a bandmate and a friend. He will be greatly missed.*

Stan Clardy - December 19, 2017 at 07:50 PM

DJ

“ *I was stunned to hear the news. Mike and I met about 40 years ago at the music store and we jammed together many times. I lost touch with him a few years ago when I moved from Albany. His family is in my thoughts....*

David McCrary, Jr - December 19, 2017 at 06:26 PM

DD

“ I am so terribly lost for words today as I found out a friend of over 35 years is gone but he will never be forgotten his love for music and his love for teaching and most of all the love for his mother which was stronger than anything in this world. And as I sit here and think about my brother Don spent the last few weeks of his life talking to Mike and wanting to learn to play the guitar and Mike did show him a few chords before the cancer took him from us for that I thank you I just want you to know the world has lost a great musician a great friend and a mother has lost a great son you will always be in my thoughts and prayers and forever be my brother, we love you Mike Waters your Friend Doug D.

Doug Dent - December 19, 2017 at 12:57 PM

WH

“ So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. He was a shining star to all who knew him here at Albany Tech. He will be missed greatly. My condolences and prayers for his family.

-- Wendy Howell

Wendy Howell - December 19, 2017 at 12:12 PM

NN

“ A childhood hero of mine. His dedication to his art buoyed mine as well. I will never forget Christmas jams at Uncle Ed's... I know they are jamming with the greats in Heaven now. Mom loved him, I'm sure she greeted him at the gates.

R. I. P. Mike "I got yours" Waters.

Love always,

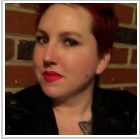
Nikk

nikk nicholson - December 19, 2017 at 08:53 AM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Ms Betty and his brother Terry. So sorry for their loss. Mike was a kind soul, and a hell of a musician. I grew up with this man all my teenage years he was like a brother. The memories are endless, I'm so saddened. Love you Mike Peace Brother 🙏 You'll never be forgotten

James Saam - December 18, 2017 at 11:11 PM



“ Mike was a not just phenomenal musician, but he was a phenomenal friend and kind soul. I have so many fond memories of him. He was always begging me to let him teach me how to play guitar, and I am heartbroken that that never happened. To Mike's mom: He loved and adored you so much. I know there's not a lot a person can do or say to ease the pain of grieving, but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mike will be missed by many.

Kristin Stanfill - December 18, 2017 at 08:41 PM

SB

“ I worked with Mike at Albany Technical College, we were friends We would talk about Music and guitars, cars and welding. He will be missed. May the Lord comfort his family in the days to come.

Stoney Burke.

Stoney Burke - December 18, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Waters .*



December 18, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ *To Mike's Mother:*

I worked with Mike at Albany Tech and easily developed a friendship. Our friendship began talking about music; however, this past year it was more about you and your illness. Mike spoke of you often. He spoke of how he wanted to be there for you and help you. It's evident that you are a loving Mother and that Mike Loved You! In the days forward I pray you will find an inner peace speaking with your Heavenly Father. Trust Him as the Holy Comforter, who will comfort you in this time of need.

Don Laye

Don Laye - December 18, 2017 at 05:41 PM



Mike was a great friend and always a joy to be around. He and I embarked on many adventures over the years of which will always be etched in my memory. All the laughs, all the music and all of the great times. Mike will be truly missed by many but his memory will always be with us. Until we meet again for our great jam session in the sky. R.I.P Brother.. love you man!

Mark Norris

Mark Norris - December 20, 2017 at 07:01 AM