



Mike Downs

November 2, 1947 - February 20, 2021

Funeral services for Mike Downs, 73, of Longview, will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 24, 2021 in the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Dr. Rick Webb officiating. Interment will follow at Cherokee Cemetery. No family visitation will be held. Service will be live streamed on McWhorter Funeral Home Facebook.

Mike was born November 2, 1947, in Gilmer, Texas, to Dewey and Gladys Miles Downs and passed from this life February 20, 2021, in Longview, Texas. Mike married Sue Davis, June 14, 1969 in Gilmer, Texas. He worked for Longview Police Department for 30 years until his retirement.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sue Downs; daughter, Michelle Lambert (Blake); son, Chance Downs (Brandy Hilton); brother, Kenneth Downs (Carolyn); and his grandchildren, Carson Lambert and Trinity Lambert. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Gladys Downs.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Blake Lambert, Dr. Rick Webb, Dr. Carl Ernest, Charlotte Wise, and her caring staff at Buckner Westminster Place.

Due to COVID 19 the family requests you wear masks and practice safe social distancing.

Please visit Mike's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Cherokee Cemetery

Gilmer, TX

Previous Events

Service

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mike Downs*



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 23, 2021 at 09:26 AM

CC

Please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May our Heavenly Father hold/comfort you.

Clifford and Glenda Culberson - February 24, 2021 at 01:08 PM

JH

Our thoughts of deepest sympathy are with you and your family at this time 🙏❤️

Jay and Wanda (Abney) Hunter - February 24, 2021 at 01:37 PM

AB

We are so sorry for your loss, May God be with you all.

Angela Bayne - February 24, 2021 at 01:48 PM

RR

I am saddened at the loss of a good man. My condolences to the family. I know he was many things to his family and am certain he will be missed. I knew Mike as a colleague and as great policeman and I had much respect for him.

Randall Rieger - March 04, 2021 at 10:05 PM

BW

“ Aunt Sue, I am sincerely sorry for your loss. Uncle Mike was always such a happy guy. He was a good man. Please know that you are always in my thoughts and prayers. Beth

Beth Walker - February 27, 2021 at 03:28 AM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and family. David and Ann Shaw



David and Ann Shaw - February 24, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.



February 24, 2021 at 08:33 AM

JB

“ I'm so sorry for everyone's loss.



Jonathan Bayne - February 24, 2021 at 01:10 AM

JW

“ I can't imagine how Mr and Mrs Downs felt back in 2001, when their quiet street on the edge of town filled up with new houses. With all the kids in the neighborhood, I'm sure they probably felt like they were under siege! We actually met his brother, Kenneth and wife Carolyn, first since they painted and papered our home, and later we enjoyed having Blake and Michelle as neighbors, too. Those kids are now grown, and some of those houses are now home to new families. We were proud to call the Downs neighbors for 16 years, and it was sure nice to have a policeman and later, a retired policeman on the street. We extend our sincere condolences. We are praying for the whole family.

John and Terri Worley - February 23, 2021 at 11:25 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Denise and I send our heartfelt condolences to his family. I enjoyed working with Mike at the PD and being around him after his retirement. He was a great guy and always had a smile on his face. I will miss him.

Shaun Pendleton, Sgt. LPD, Retired

Shaun Pendleton - February 23, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.



February 23, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.*



February 23, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.*



February 23, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *Mike was a great guy. He always had a smile. He was a respected officer for Longview Police Department. He was always fun to be around. I did not realize that he coached high school football. I say goodbye to a friend of mine from years gone by. Until we meet again RIP. Gary White*

Gary White - February 23, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CE

“ Mike was already at Longview PD when I hired on in 1978. I really got to know him when he was working the Crime Lab. He taught me a how to be a better officer. He was fun to be around. He always smiled and usually had something funny to say. I respected him and to be respectful of others. He was a good man and a good cop. I am sorry to say that it had been a long time since I spoke to him. He will be missed. My prayers are with his family and close friends. I know that he is happy to be in Heaven. God Bless you Mike for being in our lives. Curtis Edwards, Retired, LPD

Curtis Edwards - February 23, 2021 at 11:52 AM



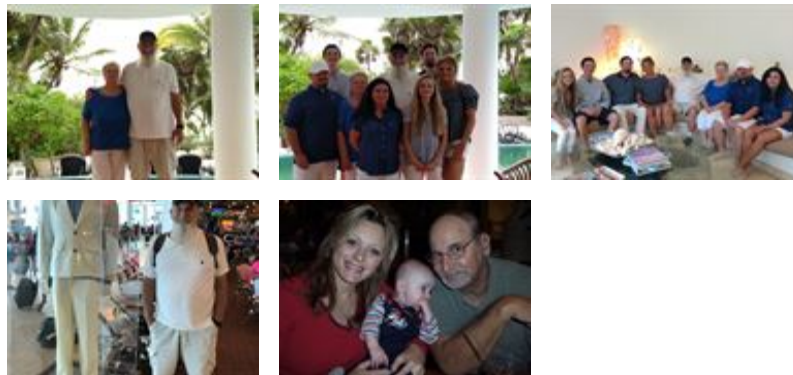
“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.



February 22, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 22, 2021 at 07:45 PM

LB

“ Sue and all your family, I am so sorry for your loss of Mike. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. May God give you peace and comfort for the lonely days ahead.



Linda Shaw Bond - February 22, 2021 at 07:42 PM

RH

“ During our time together in Gilmer, Mike and I shared many adventures. Dewey, Kenneth, and Mike would paint houses during the summer, and my father and I overlapped with them as we installed plumbing. I remember a go-cart that Mike and Kenneth had, and after riding it, I talked my parents into letting me have a go-cart. Unfortunately, it wasn't as fast as the Downs' go-cart. Mike and I played football together, and we had a lot of fun in junior high and high school.

It saddens me to hear of Mike's death. Unfortunately, we are at the age where our senior high school class is slowly dwindling. It appears that Mike leaves quite a legacy, and I am proud to have known him. I wish all the best for Mike's family, and my prayers go out to them. It is hard to lose someone who is such an essential part of your life.

Rodney Honeycutt

Rodney Honeycutt - February 22, 2021 at 03:43 PM

DW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Mike as 'Coach Downs' at NDHS. He was an awesome teacher. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Daneila Smith Woods - February 22, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.*



February 22, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a great friend in high school. As one member of law enforcement to the family of another member of law enforcement, I will always remember his service to his community. I visited with Mike at one of previous reunions. Our prayers are with the family.*

*Tommy Coleman
Sanger TX*

Tommy Coleman - February 21, 2021 at 09:36 PM



A great example of a man who changed lives he touched. He was my high school coach and I respected him so. My sr. Year he went to Longview police department. Many years later I entered a carrier in law enforcement. We saw each other on occasion and I always called him coach. Rest In Peace.

Larry Fleet - February 22, 2021 at 05:33 PM



I'm so very sorry for your loss. Coach Downs was one of my favorite teachers in Diana. He was a good man. Rest in Peace Coach

Linda Johnston garner - February 22, 2021 at 08:51 PM

BF

Sue, I am so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I always got a kick out of his sense of humor and enjoyed catching up on Gilmer news when he would come in for a review. Mike served his community well for many years; he will be missed. I'm praying for you and the kids!

Barbara Forrest - February 22, 2021 at 10:19 PM

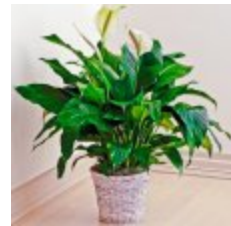
NF

What a wonderful tribute to a great man. Loved the photos of him in his police uniform. Just as I remember him. Prayers to the family for peace and comfort. Hold on to the memories you have for they will carry you on during this difficult times. Rest in peace my Brother in Blue..See you later. Love you Michelle, Nicole Askew-Faulkner

Nicole Faulkner - February 23, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.*



February 21, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mike Downs.*



February 21, 2021 at 07:43 PM

DH

“ The last time I talked to Mike we spent an hour or so talking about our football days. We also talked about how both of us went into public service (police & fire service). Mike was a good man, I know I did not get to see him much but I sure enjoyed our visits. I will miss him as I know everyone in our class will, he was just a fun guy to play football with and always a happy classmate. He was good man.
David "Scoot" Hudgins
Waxahachie, Texas

David Hudgins - February 21, 2021 at 07:17 PM

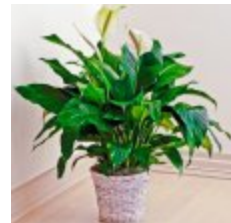
CW

“ Sue, you have my deepest sympathy. Sarge was a great guy and great boss. I'll never forget our trips to Houston for the Tobacco Conferences. He had a ball driving to Galveston Bay to eat seafood. He sure made work fun. Thank you for sharing him with us.
Clay Whittenberg
LPD, retired

Clay Whittenberg - February 21, 2021 at 07:11 PM

TF

“ The Ziegler's, Bagley's and Phillips Families purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mike Downs.



The Ziegler's, Bagley's and Phillips Families - February 21, 2021 at 07:04 PM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I love you Cousin

Donnie G Wacasey JR - February 21, 2021 at 05:47 PM

CC

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Clifford Culberson - February 21, 2021 at 05:12 PM

RC

I worked for and with Mike at LPD from 1977 to 1991. He was a person with an outgoing, friendly, often joking manner which turned serious when the time came. He got along well with everyone. He was, simply put, a Good Man and a Good Police Officer. An early pioneer in the modern Crime Scene practices. I am sorry for your family's loss. He will be remembered well!

Rory Cuellar

RORY B CUELLAR - February 23, 2021 at 09:31 AM

BB

On behalf of the Public Safety Division of the East Texas Council of Governments, it's my solemn honor to convey our sincerest condolences to all Mike Downs' Nearest & Dearest. I worked with Mike at LPD & remember well when he set up the Crime Lab there. Mike was a true Public Servant and will be well remembered & honored, as those who learned from him continue to build on all he taught them throughout his 30 years of service.

Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God. Matthew 5:9

Most sincerely,

Beverly A Brooks

Public Safety - Criminal Justice

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Beverly A Brooks - February 25, 2021 at 12:36 PM