



## Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker

February 24, 1966 - December 31, 2025

Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker, age 59, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, passed away on the morning of December 31, 2025. Born on February 24, 1966, in Alexandria, Louisiana, Mike lived a life rooted in hard work, deep love for his family and friends, and an unbreakable connection to the coast he called home.

Mike was the son of the late Mary Elizabeth (Harbert) Nophsker and Howard "Gary" Nophsker. As a proud Air Force brat, he spent much of his early childhood traveling due to his father's service as a fighter pilot. He lived in places such as Spain and Korea before eventually settling along the South Carolina coast. After moving to Surfside Beach as a child, he found the place that would always feel like home: Myrtle Beach. Once he arrived, he never truly left. The ocean, the waterway, and the rhythm of coastal life became part of who he was.

He graduated from Socastee High School in 1984 and later attended Coastal Carolina University and earned his electrical education at Horry Georgetown Technical College. As a kid, Mike excelled at multiple sports, including wrestling, football, and baseball, carrying that same competitive spirit and love of athletics with him throughout his life. From a young age, Mike loved building things. He found satisfaction in problem-solving and took pride in seeing the physical results of his work. That passion led him to a successful career as an

Electrician Project Manager, where he helped build many of the high-rise buildings that now line the Myrtle Beach coastline.

Mike worked for United Electric for over 30 years until the company closed, after which he continued his career with Melton Electric. He was a respected leader and a skilled tradesman whose coworkers became lifelong friends and family. To know Mike was to know someone who showed up, worked hard, and helped others without hesitation.

As a young man, Mike could often be found racing his brother barefoot to the beach, surfboard in hand. He spent many summers on the water with friends and family. One of his favorite pastimes was fishing with the friends who were like brothers to him, people he considered family. Dolphins held a special place in his heart, and the water was where he felt most at peace. Later in life, he shared that love by teaching his daughters how to surf and then proudly watching them make those memories their own.

Above all else, Mike was an incredible father. He never missed a single game, match, or event. His voice can still be heard echoing through the soccer stadium, cheering loudly and without apology. He believed deeply in his daughters, often encouraging them to step outside their comfort zones. It was something that challenged them then and shaped them forever, something they are now endlessly grateful for. He affectionately called them Bumblebee and Butterfly, names that reflected his tenderness and pride.

Mike had a generous heart and a helper's spirit. Whether he was using his electrical knowledge to fix someone's floodlight, lending his truck to someone who needed help moving, or tipping a street balloon artist twenty dollars without a second thought, he gave freely to others while rarely spending much on himself. He was happiest helping.

He found joy in the little things. Long drives around town, especially along the beach or the waterway. A good recliner. Listening to 104.1. Drinking purple Powerade. Snacking on Peanut M&Ms. Admiring his new truck. His favorite color was yellow, like the sun and the sand. Mike's mom often referred to him as spunky, a word that fit him perfectly. He was a funny guy who loved to make others laugh and never took life too seriously. He was a loud presence in the best way, and if you could not see him in a store, you could always find him by the way he cleared his throat.

Mike is survived by his two daughters, Amber Nophsker and Samantha Nophsker. He is also survived by his sisters, Linda (Angel) Canales of Connecticut, Debbie (Tim) Burkholder of Georgia, and Terri Kinsel of Florida, and his brother, Tom Nophsker of South Carolina. He is further survived by his aunt, Caroline Eneix, and her children, his cousins, Meredith Gulley and Gretchen Unger. To list all who knew and loved Mike would be far too long, as he touched the hearts of many through his kindness, humor, generosity, and unmistakable presence.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard "Gary" Nophsker and Mary Elizabeth (Harbert) Nophsker.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 PM, Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Visitation with the family will be held from 4-7 PM, Friday, January 9, 2026 also at the funeral home.

Mike's legacy lives on in the skyline he helped build, the daughters he loved fiercely, and the countless people whose lives he touched.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel  
11528 Highway 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

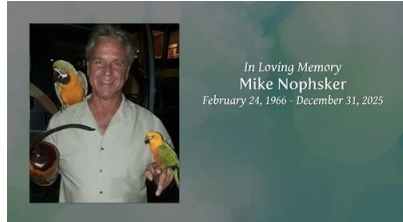
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# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 10 at 03:26 PM



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 09 at 12:19 PM



Such a beautiful service, Thank you Goldfinch, Pastor Panning, Amber n Samatha. Rest well Mike 🕊️

Julie Ostrander - January 10 at 05:50 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Rob Nophsker** - January 09 at 03:15 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to Mike’s daughter’s, siblings, and other loved ones. I have many fond childhood memories of ‘Mikey’ and my other cousins; Boating, fishing, and island beach shenanigans with my family on the Ohio river. Our visits to them in the Myrtle Beach area where Mikey and Tommy shared their local fishing pond with me. Our families converging at Nannan’s house for the holidays, and Hepler family reunions in the summers. On one of my few adult visits with Mike, as I was driving, I thought he was being his normal playful self when he yelled, reached over and jerked my steering wheel to the right. It took me a couple seconds to realize his quick action saved me from plowing into a median barrier, as I had not seen in the darkness the roadway I was turning left onto was divided. That’s how I remember Mike, playful and carefree, but quick to action when needed.

*‘Robbie’ Nophsker*

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**Rob Nophsker** - January 09 at 02:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker.



January 08 at 05:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker.



January 08 at 08:11 AM



“ The Cannon Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker.



The Cannon Family - January 07 at 08:57 PM



“ James & Christy Broome- United Electric purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Howard Michael "Mike" Nophsker.



James & Christy Broome- United Electric - January 07 at 05:55 PM



“ We met Mike when we first moved to Myrtle Beach 10 years ago. Our girls rode the same bus as his daughters to school. Throughout the years many beach days of fishing, surfing and boating we enjoyed with them. We enjoyed sports together, tennis, volleyball and soccer too. He was one who welcomed us to this beautiful area. He was a hard working man and offered help often. We appreciated his friendship and looked at him and his daughters as extended family. We will miss his visits and his friendship. Thanks for the good times friend, rest easy now. Gone to soon, but will never be forgotten.  
Pete, Julie, Sarah n Savannah .

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**Julie Ostrander** - January 07 at 05:41 PM

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our condolences to Mike's family, Amber and Samantha, our love and prayers are with you all and May Michaels soul rest in peace and let Perpetual Light shine upon him ! Allour Love Gary, Barbara and Gail Ostrander❤️🙏🕊️✝️

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**barbara ostrander ostrander** - January 07 at 06:44 PM