



Joe Michael Heavner

November 27, 1942 - March 15, 2018

Joe Michael Heavner (Mike) 75, of Surfside Beach, SC passed away peacefully at home on March 15th surrounded by his loving wife and four daughters.

He was born on November 27, 1942, son of the late Catherine Ramsey Hord and William Woodrow Heavner. He graduated from Cherryville High School and Gaston College. He enjoyed working at Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation for 33 years. He also owned a small photography business in Cherryville, NC, where he photographed weddings, sporting and dance events. Having some of his work published in Guidepost magazine was a special honor. Later in life, after moving to Surfside Beach, he was employed at the Kingfisher Inn and enjoyed working in the hospitality industry. Mike was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. To know him was to love him and to be loved by him was to be blessed. He was a wonderful Christian man and he loved serving our Lord. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Murrells Inlet, SC and served as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Cherryville and Glenns Bay Baptist Church of Surfside Beach. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #421 and loved his brotherhood. Mike had a loving nature, a wonderful sense of humor and was a passionate lifelong sportsman and outdoorsman. On any given day, you

might find Mike on the end of Garden City pier fishing with his friends. Hunting, woodworking, trivia, and listening to Bluegrass music also brought him a lot of joy.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne Keever Heavner; daughters, Jennifer Heavner Yount (Art) of Cherryville, NC, Julie Heavner De Sa (Marcio) of York, SC, Kimberly Homesley Beam (Blair) of Cherryville, NC and Hope Homesley Riggins (David) of Charlotte, NC; a brother, Rick Heavner (Jan) of Cherryville, NC; grandchildren, Taylor and Eric Yount, Grant Beam, Luke, Nate and Eli De Sa and nephew, Brent Heavner.

Mike fought a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease for over 13 years, but won the victory. The family would like to extend a special thank you to: Dr. Cooper and the Department of Neurology at MUSC, Dr. Michael Ratz, Dr. Michael Ouzts and the many nurses of Tidelands Health, Dr. Mark Schecker of Myrtle Beach, Tidelands Community Hospice and nurse, Laurie Ritchie.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, March 17, 2018 at First Baptist Church Murrells Inlet. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service. The burial will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery Mausoleum with Masonic Rites rendered.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the (Building Fund) at First Baptist Church Murrells Inlet, PO Box 285 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Diane and family my deepest sympathy in your loss our prayers are with you and your family Renee & Mike Burgess

renee burgess - March 17, 2018 at 09:10 PM

SH

“ Glenda Joyce and I are thinking about you and your family. Steve Hudson



Steve Hudson - March 17, 2018 at 05:36 PM

NH

“ My prayers and thoughts go to Mikes family. I have known Mike all my life and we were neighbors growing up. He was a special guy and friend to all the neighborhood kids and all who rode the School bus. I looked up to Mike like a big brother. He was always a gentleman and a great friend. He and Rick were very special to me. He will be missed by his special friends. God Bless you all.



Nancy Adams Hillard - March 16, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joe Michael Heavner.



March 16, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - March 16, 2018 at 10:45 AM

JS

“ *Mike was photographing a friend. I went along with my 5 year old son, Josh, by my side. He was dressed in his usual and favorite play clothes. A fringed vest, cowboy boots, an Indian headdress with feathers all the way down his back, a pop gun, and little freckled face. Mike began snapping photos of him This one photo of Josh sums up the childhood of my little boy. Thank you Mike. Rest in peace, my long ago friend.*

Jean Baxter Skibo - March 16, 2018 at 08:24 AM

BB

“ For sure there are certain things that come to mind as I remember my father in law. God, church, fishing and Braves baseball. There are many other things that come to mind as well because Mike cared about and could do almost anything. Mike always carried himself confidently in all that he knew and believed, I especially admired that in him. His entire family including myself will miss him deeply, but are comforted in the reality that his eternal life started many years ago. I am grateful to have been afforded many moments throughout the years in his presents. His memory lives in our hearts and our hope is to fellowship with him soon. Love you, Blair

Blair Beam - March 16, 2018 at 12:31 AM

EH

“ Dianne I Was so sad to learn of Mike's passing. I want to share what I remember most about Mike. When Brackie was living and we were living at Surfside Beach on Sunday morning we would be running late for Church ,Mike, Norm and Brady would be at the front when we would go in the door I always said we're late again Mike would laugh then he would hug us. Honey, you have my heart felt sympathy and my Prayers. I know how much you will miss Mike because I know how very much I miss Brackie.Love you, Elsie Hill.

Elsie Hill - March 15, 2018 at 11:02 PM

RH

“ Mike and I first met playing Little League Baseball in Cherryville, his uncle Ovie was our coach. We were classmates graduating Cherryville High in 1961, later we both worked at Carolina Freight. Mike was a good Christian man who loved Jesus Christ and his family. Last time I visited him at Waccamaw Hospital he was sleeping. RIP Mike, now you are better friend

Ron Hovis - March 15, 2018 at 06:09 PM

LS

“ Dianne,
I am so sorry to hear of your husbands passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family. May God be with you during this troubling time. love you.

Linda Griggs Smith

Linda Smith - March 15, 2018 at 05:15 PM

CL

Diane we are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was such a precious sweet man that we loved. You took such good care of him. He was always dressed so nice and was a sweetheart. You and your family are in our prayers.

Carol & Van Leathers - March 16, 2018 at 07:01 AM

MC

My sympathy goes out to you, Diane and your daughters, in losing Mike...our Lord will be with you during the difficult days ahead.

Merry Cotton

merry cotton - March 16, 2018 at 07:37 AM

FD

Dianne, I was so saddened to hear about Mike. He was truly a gentleman and always enjoyed talking to him when he came into Piggly Wiggly at Surfside, for he always had a smile, no matter how bad the his was. May perpetual light always shine upon him now and forever...

Frankie Davis - March 16, 2018 at 05:47 PM

DE

Julie,

We were deeply saddened to hear of your dad's passing. We have so many fond memories of Mike as a neighbor and co-worker. Mike and I sure shared some grand times fishing, too. Julie, may I share a memory? Your dad and I, along with Pam's father, Mr. Morrison, were on a fishing trip to Santee. We lovingly called Mr. Morrison Pa. It was bedtime and Pa started to tell one of his famous yarns as we looked on. Pa's head dropped in mid sentence due to his narcolepsy. Time passed and when Pa's head lifted, he picked up his story right where he had left off. Mike and I shared this experience many times over the years. A fun story that was ours alone.

Your dad was my friend.

David B Edwards

David Edwards - March 29, 2018 at 07:38 PM