



Michael "Mike" Hughes

September 6, 1959 - June 8, 2016

Michael Hughes

Mike Hughes of Pawleys Island, passed away June 8th, at the age of 56. Mike was born September 6, 1959, in Moultrie, Georgia, son of Jerrell and Gene Hughes. He was a 1977 graduate of Auburn High School in Auburn, AL. Mike graduated from Auburn University in 1981 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Following graduation, he moved to Mobile, Alabama, and began a 36 year long career with International Paper, beginning at the Erling Riis Research Laboratory. In 1988 he transferred to the Moss Point Mill of IP, and discovered his true calling for papermaking. Following the close of the Moss Point facility, he moved to Pawleys Island, and worked at the Georgetown Paper Mill, until his passing.

Mike loved his job as a papermaker, and has been described as “one of the IP greats in life, leadership, character, accomplishment, and friendship”.

Mike also was an avid fisherman, and spent many happy hours in boats, and counted the Gulf of Mexico as his favorite “fishing hole”.

As a graduate of Auburn University, Mike loved all things Auburn. He not only avidly followed all Auburn athletics, he was also extremely proud of any and all accomplishments of his alma mater. As part of the Auburn Creed reads “I believe in Auburn and love it”, and he truly did.

Mike is survived by his wife, Sharon (Huntley), and his daughters, Laura and Kelly; his brother Doug, and his wife Leigh, and their children, Hadleigh and Sawyer, all of McDonough, Georgia; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Mike's life will be held at 4:00 PM Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, in Murrells Inlet. Overseer Jimmie Smith of The House of Prayer, COGICJ, North Santee, presiding. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 PM prior to the service.

Services will also be held 2:00 PM Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Chapel of the Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home, in Opelika, Alabama, followed by burial in the Town Creek Cemetery in Auburn, Alabama. The Reverend Vann Bush of New Hope United Methodist Church of Theodore, Alabama, presiding. The family will receive friends from 12:00-2:00 PM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to one of the following organizations:

South Carolina -

JOY School

9967 Ocean Highway

Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Alabama -

Camp Smile

UCP of Mobile

3058 Dauphin Square Connector

Mobile, Al 36607

Both of these worthy organizations serve individuals with disabilities, and Mike's daughter, Laura, has attended both, and benefited greatly from each.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Mike at Moss Point mill,good man to work with.

Mike Baker - June 19, 2016 at 09:34 PM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Amanda McCain - June 17, 2016 at 10:47 AM

LT

“ Love thinking if the fun times we shared in college! Mike pulled me through more than 1 class! He loved to roll his eyes and go "duuuhhh!" He always brought a smile with him every day. I'm so very sorry I couldn't tell him in person what a great friend he was to me. But I'm sharing now for your family to know how many loved your husband and dad. Until we meet again I will forever think of Mike as one of my favorite Auburn memories. War Eagle Mike!!

Laura Taylor - June 11, 2016 at 07:26 PM

JL

So sorry for your loss Sharon!! JuJu and Joe Lopez

Juju Lopez - June 12, 2016 at 09:19 AM

RR

We are so sorry for your loss. You and the girls will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda, Steve & Maggie Reed

Rhonda Reed - June 16, 2016 at 11:28 AM