



Michael Ervin Stokes

November 8, 1952 - February 11, 2009

On the evening of February 11, 2009 Michael “Mike” Ervin Stokes, 56, went home to be with his heavenly father after a sudden illness. Born in Hartsville, S.C. on November 8, 1952, Mike was the son of Ervin and Carolyn Adams Stokes of Hartsville.

A member of New Providence Baptist Church, Mike was an employee of Sonoco of Hartsville for 36 years. His family and friends were his life. All a person had to do if they needed Mike was ask. His home was always open to his loved ones for those visiting or for family reunions. He was the gracious host. He faithfully helped take care of his late Uncle Edwin during his last few years until his passed on December 11, 2008.

Along with his Uncle Edwin, Mike was preceded in death by his cousins, Steve Adams and Jeffrey Adams; uncles, James Adams and Cecil Adams. He is survived by his parents of Hartsville; sisters, Renee’ Stokes Teal of Florence and Kathy Stokes of Hartsville; brothers, Dennis Stokes and Mark Stokes, both of Hartsville. He is also survived by his niece, Shawn Teal of Florence; nephew, Brad Teal of Laurens, SC and his children Savannah, Jenna and Charlie; nephew, Blake Stokes of Hartsville. He will be missed by his many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 14th at the Brown Pennington-Atkins Chapel with interment at New Providence Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday from 5–7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to New Providence Baptist Church, 1884

Antioch Rd, Hartsville, SC 29550 or to McLeod's Hospice House, Box 100551, Florence, SC 29501 to whom the family expresses their deep gratitude for his comfort and care.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *The Stokes family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless and comfort all of you at this time. Hold on to God's Hand and your loving memories. God Bless you. The Jake Warr Family*###imported-begin##*Edna Faye Warr*###imported-end##

February 20, 2009 at 09:14 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Stokes & Family, I have known Mike along time, as a matter of fact we were school. I just learned of this today, & was shocked to hear this news. Mike, was a friend the kind you really want in your life. If there is anything I can do for you please don't hesistate to let me know. May God comfort you and keep your family close during the days ahead.*###imported-begin##*james mcelveen*###imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 10:04 PM



“ *Kathy,*

I had a chance to talk with Mike on a few occasions. Each time, he was very pleasant and went out of his way to help me get what I needed.

You and your family are in my prayers daily.

Rozina###imported-begin##*Rozina Hunter*###imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 06:27 PM



“ Stokes family: I knew Mike as a fellow Sonoco employee. He was always very helpful with projects and even worked late on occasion just to help me out. I hope you find comfort in knowing how many people were touched by Mike's warm personality and willingness to help others. He will surely be missed by his Sonoco family.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Byrd###imported-begin##Tiffany Byrd###imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 01:50 PM



“ To the Stokes family:
I am so sorry I couldn't be there to help with this difficult time. But, I do want you all to know that you have been in my prayers every second of everyday. I cried when I talked about "Uncle" Mike dying over at Nicole's house the other day. Then Jenna reminded me, "But he is OK, he is in Heaven with God." I hope those wonderful words can also help comfort you all at this time. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all so much!

Always,
Mary Short###imported-begin##Mary Short###imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 09:20 PM



“ Stokes family, My heartfelt sympathy. Mike and I were in school together and, of course, I knew him from work. Mike was always so friendly and helpful. He worked around the corner from my husband, Al, for many years. Mike will be missed by so many. May God give you peace and comfort. Al joins me in sending thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Sheila Mullis###imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 07:32 PM



“ Kathy, Dennis and family: Mike and I go a long way back and he was just as precious now as when I first met him. He was such a true & kindhearted person. I'm grateful to have had the chance to work with him since I've been at Sonoco. In fact, we had quite a few conversations last November due to projects we worked on together and I will cherish those moments. May God give you all strength and comfort during the difficult days ahead. I will keep you in my heart and my prayers.##imported-begin##June Tolson Hyman##imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ To Mike's Family: I've had the pleasure of working with Mike on several projects here at Sonoco. He is such a sweet person; never a gripe or grumble, always smiling, always willing to help. I know I speak for many here at Sonoco when I say he will be truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Holly Brown##imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 11:09 AM



“ To the Stokes Family:
My sincere condolences on the passing of a great friend. Mike and I met at Sonoco. His kind demeanor and great presence made him a huge asset to the Sonoco family. I will miss him dearly and hope he will find peace in the presence of the Lord. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family in hopes they may find comfort in knowing he is at rest and looking over them with his beautiful smile...
Sincerely,
Alicia Rudick##imported-begin##Alicia Rudick##imported-end##

February 15, 2009 at 10:05 AM



“ To Mikes Family, I am so sorry to hear about Mikes passing. I spent a lot of time with him in the late 70's and 80's he was truly a kind soul and good friend . He will surely be missed. May the Lord confort each of you during this time.##imported-begin##Gerald Sellers##imported-end##

February 14, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the loss. My prayers will be with you all.##imported-begin##Penny Gainey##imported-end##

February 14, 2009 at 01:29 PM



“ Our prayers are with you.

I'm Beverly's son.

Brian##imported-begin##Brian Sims and Family##imported-end##

February 14, 2009 at 09:22 AM



“ Stokes Family, sorry to learn of your loss. I knew Mike from working at Sonoco. He was always very cheerful to be around. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Edna Sims##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 08:35 PM



“ We will miss Mike more than words can say. He was such a wonderful person to be around. We always looked forward to seeing and talking with Mike. We thank the Lord we had the privilege of knowing him and we will look forward to seeing him again one day. Mike, thanks for the memories, we will cherish them forever.

Your Cousin Carol and Jim##imported-begin##Jim & Carol
Luke##imported-end##

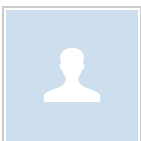
February 13, 2009 at 06:58 PM



“ I just can't believe Mike's gpne. Each time I walked into Sonoco, Mike was sitting at the desk and we'd exchange pleasnatries and sometimes stories when I'd take work to his departmernt. He was always pleasnt and I will miss him tremendously. My most sincere condolences to his family.

Ann England##imported-begin##Ann England##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 03:04 PM



“ Stokes Family - We were saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.##imported-begin##Roger and Margie Hall##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 11:57 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Mike's illness and death. He was such a kind, compassionate man. It gives us great joy knowing that we were able to spend more time than usual with him in the past few months (my 85th party to name one). He will be greatly missed, but we will always cherish the wonderful memories we have. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during the days ahead. With much love.##imported-begin##Juanita Adams, Mike & Jeannie Adams##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 11:27 AM



“ TO the Stokes family let me say im sadden by the passing of Michel for we spent some time together talking over the years who loved life and his family and his job. May God bless you and comfort you in the days ahead.

Burke Hoffman##imported-begin##Burke hoffman##imported-end##

February 13, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ *To Mikes Family,
The world lost a wonderful soul Feb.11th. There is a empty spot in many hearts here at Sonoco. Mike was always here and always here with a smile on his face willing to help ensure acuracy, attention to detail, and provided quality services to all that had the pleasure and opportunity to work with him. I have always said..."Mike and his crew made us all shine". The work he did here at Sonoco had great exposure. I am proud to say that I cherish the opportunity to have known and worked with him. He made this world a better world to live in. Our hearts are sadden of this news and our thoughts are with you and yours during this time. It is conforting to me to know that he is in heaven and will not suffer. He is in a better place...but o boy will he be missed!!! Until I see you again Mike...
With heavy heart
Susan Ciotti###imported-begin##Susan Ciotti###imported-end##*

February 13, 2009 at 09:59 AM



“ *Brad and family I am so sorry to hear of your uncle's passing. I will keep you all in my prayers.###imported-begin##Melissa Orndorff###imported-end##*

February 12, 2009 at 09:54 PM



“ *Ervin and Carolyn, our condolences to you and all mike's family. may God bless each of you. our prayers go out to each of you.###imported-begin##ronnie watford###imported-end##*

February 12, 2009 at 09:03 PM



“ Miss Carolyn and Mr. Ervin, we wish that we were able to be there at this time for your family. Times ahead are going to be hard because Mike was someone who was always there when you needed him. He listened and encouraged. He worked and gave from his resources. He was never selfish, but always giving. He was not only a son and brother and uncle, he was a FRIEND! I know that Heaven is a brighter place because Mike is there. He always made Charlie and I feel welcome when we came for your wonderful family gatherings. Mike was a blessings who put other's comfort before his own. He will be greatly missed by all of you, but also by those of us who were not biological family! He did so much for Nicole and Brad and the kids and even as young as the children are, they were fond of Uncle Mike. Jenna told me this afternoon after school that we needed to pray for Uncle Mike. She had just come inside from playing and I have no idea why she thought about him then unless it was because of the many times that he took them outside to play when they came to Hartsville. We are praying that God gives you all the strenght that you need to be able to allow Mike to be at peace with Jesus. Brad said on Thursday night during Mike's passing that he truly saw Jesus! How wonderful to know that he was right there with Him and Mike! I don't believe that Brad will ever be the same because this experience was so wonderful! We love you all! Helen and Charlie###imported-begin###Rev. Charlie and Helen Short###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 08:53 PM



“ please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike was there for us during our toughest times. I will always remember and appreciate all he did for us during Steve's illness.###imported-begin###Lisa Adams and Family###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 02:01 PM



“ *Mr & Mrs Stokes and Family, Words can not express my heartfelt sympathy to all of you. M/M Stokes, my mind can't comprehend the loss of a child. Siblings, I know the pain of losing a sister and the pain is undescrivable. I'm sure there is such an emptiness and a huge void in your heart. I fell your pain and please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during such a difficult time. Keep looking up and know that God loves you and has you in His arms and will carry you through. Lean on Him and trust His every word; "I will never fail nor forsake you". Vast in God's Goodness and know that He will give you Peace in this storm you are going through. The Stokes Family has always been very near and dear to the Ballard Family. We love all of you dearly and have built some fond memories through the years. We go way back. Thank God for precious memories! Mike left us to soon but cling to God and the wonderful memories you have of him. I am in shock and saddened to hear of his passing but please know I love you and am praying for you. With Deepest Sympathy, Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Ballard Brown##imported-end##*

February 12, 2009 at 01:48 PM



“ *Kathy and family - I have known Mike along time and I am totally in shock to hear about this. He was the kind of person you would want for a friend. I talked to him alot and worked with him on projects for our department. He will do anything for you if he can. Kathy, I have alot of memories of us all in the past years. I will miss him and I know everyone who knew him will also. If there is anything I can do for you please don't hesistate to call. Just hang onto the memories and know that he is in a better place than we are. May God comfort you and your family during the difficult days ahead.##imported-begin##Rhonda Jones Norton ##imported-end##*

February 12, 2009 at 01:23 PM



“ *Mr and Mrs Stokes and Family: We are so sorry to hear about Mike. We want you to know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Hold strong to your faith and the Lord will comfort you and give you peace. Mike will certainly be missed by everyone who knew him. May God bless you during this difficult time. William and Teresa Hendrix*###imported-begin###*William and Teresa Hendrix*###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 01:04 PM



“ *He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort...And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5*###imported-begin###*Magallon Family*###imported-end##

February 12, 2009 at 11:32 AM