



## Michael E. Hoosier

February 4, 1955 - November 8, 2022

Michael E. Hoosier, 67, of Bluefield, WV, formerly of Bland, VA died on November 8, 2022 following a long battle with leukemia. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 46 years, Ruth Ann Bradley Hoosier.

Mike was a licensed funeral director in Virginia for 46 years, having retired from the Richmond area where he spent most of his career in 2019 to move back to Bluefield to spend more time with his small grandchildren.

He was born in Bluefield WV on February 4, 1955, the son of the late James E. and June E.

Gibson Hoosier of Rocky Gap, VA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel E. Hoosier of Bland County, VA. Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter Bradley Bailey and husband Chris, grandchildren Greyson and Alex Bailey, of Bluefield WV, daughter Tammy Hamilton and husband Jeff Pauley of Bland VA, grandson Coleman Hamilton and wife Michelle Fisher of Abingdon, Va, Sister Linda Hoosier of Abingdon, VA, Brother Doug and wife Bridget of Bluefield, VA, Sister-in-Law Dee Dee Hoosier of Bland County, VA, Brother-in-Law Frank Bertok and wife Emma of Virginia Beach, VA and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. Following a private interment, the family will receive friends at First Baptist Church of Bluefield

1325 Augusta Street, Bluefield WV from 1-2pm on Saturday, November 12, with a memorial service to follow at 2pm. Memorial contributions may be

made to First Baptist Church of Bluefield, Sutton Place Pet Boarding, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
1325 Augusta St.  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
1325 Augusta St  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ Mercer Funeral Home created a <http://player.tributecenteronline.com/91154> in memory of Michael E. Hoosier



Mercer Funeral Home - November 14, 2022 at 11:12 AM

RH

*Beautiful! Hugs for my friends Ruth and Bradley and family during this time.*

Rhonda Hawkins - November 15, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Michael E. Hoosier

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM

JC

“ Ruth Ann, I am just learning of the passing of my Dear Friend Mike today. It saddens me very much were didn't stay in contact. He was manager at Grants the last time I talked to him. We just caught back up like yesterday since our college years. Mikes Dad delivered milk to our home and store when i was a young boy. He and Mike were cut from the same cloth. Always a laugh and a caring thought. May God Bless You and the Family. Keeping you in my Prayers, Jim Copolo, Maybeury, WV

James L Copolo - November 30, 2022 at 03:03 AM

RH

*Thank you Jim, Mike always liked you, in fact he asked me if I had seen you lately about a week before he died..he had you on his mind..thank you for your kind words!*

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**Ruth Hoosier** - December 24, 2022 at 10:21 PM

DJ

“ *After I retired from my professional career, I went to work part-time for the Bennett Funeral Home because I wanted to help others and learn something about the funeral industry. One of the first people I met and worked with the most was Mike Hoosier. Mike always carried himself with the dignity and professionalism you would expect from a funeral director, and I learned a great deal from him.*

*Mike and I were immediately linked together by our membership in Freemasonry and our friendship grew as we spent many hours working together. We had many, many laughs and more than a few really meaningful conversations about life, family and friendship.*

*Mike loved the Beach Boys and Frances and I enjoyed attending one of their concerts with he and Ruth Ann.*

*Thanks for the memories and I know one day we will meet again.*

*Doug Jones*

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**Doug Jones** - November 20, 2022 at 05:29 PM

RH

*Doug thank you so much for remembering Mike so kindly! You are correct, he loved his profession and saw it as an opportunity to help people in their worst moments..he loved being a mason about as much! We played the Beach boys quietly in the background at the church following his service at the reception. He spoke so highly of you!*

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**Ruth Hoosier** - December 24, 2022 at 10:25 PM



“ I first met Mike at Bennett Funeral Home when one of our mutual friends and colleagues passed away. I later had the opportunity to work along side Mike. I am so glad that our paths crossed Mike Hoosier. You and I shared many a cold diet drink together. I always enjoyed our conversations and thank you for sharing your wisdom with me. I am sure going to miss and could always count on that twinkle in your eye and your funny side to give me a good laugh when I darn sure needed it. I greatly appreciate your friendship and your leadership in the funeral business. I am truly sorry I couldn't be there today for you and your family Mike. I know if anyone would understand it would be you, and you would tell me to take care of those families that needed me during their time of loss. God Speed and God Bless you Hoot 🙏💔 Until we meet again

Kyle Gibbs - November 12, 2022 at 08:53 PM

RH

Kyle, you nailed his persona, a joke and a twinkle, but always the professional, he always had a heart for those who where grieving..funeral director was his calling, it wasn't just a job.it' s so nice to hear his friends and co-workers speak so highly of his integrity. Thanks ,Hoot

Ruth Hoosier - December 24, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael E. Hoosier.



November 12, 2022 at 11:27 AM

SB

“ I was so deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mike Hoosier this morning. He was such a sweet, wonderful, caring man who helped guide me through my funeral internship. He always knew how to ease my anxiety when I was first starting out and helped me learn to stay calm in stressful situations. He always had a smile on his face and would turn beet red when he started to chuckle. Mike also had a plethora of dirty jokes and one liners to help keep the mood light. I will miss him dearly and the funeral industry definitely lost a good one. Rest easy, Mike, and thank you for all of your guidance and support over the years!

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**Stephanie Bell** - November 11, 2022 at 07:56 PM

RH

*Thank you Stephanie for your kind recollection of Mike..he had a great sense of humor, and one liners, he had a brilliant mind and was always the professional ..*

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**Ruth Hoosier** - December 24, 2022 at 10:32 PM

SR

“ Ruth, my thoughts and prayers are with you and family and friends, in your tremendous loss ! I love you!

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**Sandra S. Rose** - November 11, 2022 at 04:28 PM

RH

*Thank you my friend, it's a dark time for us left behind, but for sweet Mike, he is restored and happy!*

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**Ruth Hoosier** - December 24, 2022 at 10:33 PM

EM

“ I was blessed to serve families with Mike when he was with Bennett Funeral Home & I was with Signal Hill Memorial Park. Mike was a wonderful person.  
May God comfort your hearts now and the days to come.

*Emily Mitchell*

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**Emily Mitchell** - November 11, 2022 at 02:39 PM

RH

*Emily, Mike spoke of you so often..he counted on you a lot!  
Thank you for your kind words.*

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**Ruth Hoosier** - December 24, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael E. Hoosier.*



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November 11, 2022 at 10:36 AM

JW

“ *Ruth, we're thinking of you and your family during this most difficult time. May memories of Mike and the love of family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. Keeping you in our daily prayers. With our deepest condolences, Jolanda and Harold.*



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**Jolanda M. Whyte-Byrd** - November 10, 2022 at 07:59 PM

RH

*Hi friend, it means a lot to me to hear from you. I have lots of memories,they are sometimes hard to think about without a tear..hope one day they will bring a smile.*

Ruth Hoosier - December 24, 2022 at 10:37 PM

DN

“ *Rest In Peace Mike. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

Deb DeWeerd Norland - November 10, 2022 at 07:22 PM

RH

*Thank you Deb.Mike, was spiritually and emotionally ready to go home to heaven.He told me he was not afraid.that was comforting!*

Ruth Hoosier - December 24, 2022 at 10:39 PM

MS

“ *My condolences to the family, Mike was a really good man, I met him when I worked with him in Mechanicsville. You all lost a really good person and I'm a better person to have known him. My prayers to all of his family, and I pray his passing was an easy one.*

Michael Sloan - November 10, 2022 at 07:20 PM

RH

*Mike, good to hear from you.Thank you for your kind words.Mike had a rough few months after he relapsed,but Hospice provided a means to help his transition be peaceful.*

Ruth Hoosier - December 24, 2022 at 10:41 PM

DR

“ *Vince and I are so very sorry to hear about Mike. Peace and comfort to you all. Denise*

denise romano - November 10, 2022 at 07:10 PM

RH

*Thank you Denise and Vince. It helps to know that he was prepared and ready to go to heaven!*

Ruth Hoosier - December 24, 2022 at 10:43 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie, Earl & Judy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael E. Hoosier.*



Debbie, Earl & Judy - November 10, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael E. Hoosier.*



November 10, 2022 at 06:04 PM

WH

“ *I will miss you Mike ! Wayne Healy*

wayne Healy - November 10, 2022 at 06:03 PM

RH

*He loved you Wayne!*

Ruth Hoosier - December 24, 2022 at 10:43 PM