



Mickey Crane

May 22, 1950 - September 12, 2019

Mickey W. Crane, 69, of Nauvoo, Ala., passed away Sept. 12, 2019. He was a retired Baptist minister, having served New Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Nauvoo, Ala. for 38 years.

Saved as a child, Mr. Crane answered the call to preach at age 17. He pastored 3 churches (Good Springs, Union Hill, and Chigger Hill) the first 8 years, and then pastored New Oak Grove from 1978 until 2017. He held scores of revivals all over Northwest Alabama. Bro. Mickey served as Moderator of Walker County Free Will Baptist Association, served on the Executive Committee of the Alabama Free Will Baptists State Association, and served as Chairman of the Mid-South Bible Conference Board.

Visitation is Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at New Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Ala.

Funeral service is Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the church. He will lie in state from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the church. Officiating will be Donnie Dodd, Chris Pschirer, Hugh Cavender, Danny Williams, Danny Page, and Randall Tice. Burial to follow in New Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Crane is survived by his wife, Barbara Crane; son, Chris Crane; grandson, Drew Kelley; granddaughter, Carlee Crane; sisters, Jessie Hilliard and Lavona

Estes Hill; sister in law, Patsy Crane; a host of family and friends.

He is preceded in death by parents, Noah Joshua and Nancy Cook Crane; son, Carlos Wayne Crane; daughter in law, Amanda Galloway Crane; grandson, Christopher Paul Crane, Jr.; brothers, Vuce Crane, Odell Hezekiah Crane, Marshall "Mot" Crane; sisters, Irma Christine Flemming and George Ann Crane Scott.

Bro. Mickey, which was how most everyone referred to him, was a husband, father, grandfather, preacher, pastor, and friend. These were roles in his life, but behind these roles were character traits which made him the man beloved by so many.

He was a man of humor. He was well known for telling jokes and funny stories. If Bro. Mickey was present, laughter was sure to follow. He was one of those people you enjoyed being around.

He was a man with a heart. Tenderness and compassion were demonstrated in his words and actions. He was sensitive to the hurts of others. Tears were a language he understood and spoke. He loved people. He loved his numerous friends and his precious family. He especially loved his wife, Barbara who he called Shug. He often referred to her as the Wind Beneath his Wings.

He was a man who knew how to help. Helping others was a result of his servant's spirit. Bro. Mickey practiced putting others ahead of himself, giving of his time, energy, strength, and self to help someone in need. He, also, helped hundreds of people through encouragement. He knew the value of a kind word, a timely phone call, or a strengthening prayer.

He was a man of hope. The Word of God was the foundation of his trust and Jesus Christ was the source of his faith. His faith had been tested and tried,

and it proved to be real. You could hear and see it as he preached and sang. The greatest evidence, however, was seen in his daily life. His example of purity and perseverance leave footsteps for us to follow.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made for Gideon bibles in his memory.

You may leave online condolences at www.pinkardfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mickey Crane*



Pinkard Funeral Home - September 14, 2019 at 10:59 AM

TH

What a wonderful man. Bro Mickey Crane was a very special person in my life and I will forever miss him. He talked at my dad Meldon Keeton's funeral and I will always have nothing but great memories of this wonderful family. My prayer is that we all should be more like Bro Mickey Crane! !

Tiffany Hagood - September 14, 2019 at 03:36 PM

JW

What a wonderful man of GOD,, A TRUE CALLED MAN OF GOD,,AND HE WILL LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS OF A MANY OF PEOPLE,, BR.MICKY TOUCHED A LOT OF LIVES,,GOD MUST HAVE REALLY NEEDED HIM IN HEAVEN TO HAVE TAKEN HIM SO SOON,, HE AND SISTER BARBARA HAVE BEEN A LITE IN MY LIFE,, AND I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE MEET THEM AND THEIR FAMILY,, LOVE THEM BOTH,, THEY SERVED THE LORD MORE FAITHFUL THAN ANYONE I'VE EVER KNOWN,, AND THEIR FAITH WAS TESTED BUT THEY NEVER TURNED THEIR BACKS ON GOD,, THEY STOOD THE TEST OF TIME AND PASSED,,BROTHER MICKY YOU GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN IT'S YOUR TURN TO REST,, TO BARBARA AND FAMILY YOUR IN MY PRAYERS AND I LOVE YOU,,LOVE JAYNE WARD

Jayne Ward - September 14, 2019 at 04:26 PM

BP

Great video praying for family, Mickey will be missed down here, but o how happy is he now in Heaven!

Byron Pendley - September 14, 2019 at 05:48 PM

BP

Will also miss Mickey calling me Barn!!

Byron Pendley - September 14, 2019 at 05:49 PM

BD

Such a fine man of God who preached the truth and lived it too! God bless you Barbara and Chris and family.

Brenda Dodd - September 14, 2019 at 06:44 PM

ML

An amazing Godly man that will be truly missed for an extremely long time we love you Mickey crane but we know your home with the master

Marsha lawrence - September 14, 2019 at 08:00 PM

DM

Thanks Pinkard Funeral Home for this video - Mickey was my Pastor for near 40 years. He is gonna be missed but what rejoicing there has been in Heaven the past few days.

deborah mcgraw - September 14, 2019 at 08:03 PM

AM

You will never fail your LORD and SAVIOUR again . Miss my pastor

Ann Manasco - September 14, 2019 at 10:59 PM

CD

I remember hearing brother Mickey preach for the very first time I was in my twenties he had blessed so many lives and touched so many hearts . He had the voice of an Angel , I always cried when he would sing Beauhla Land he often talked about his momma and now he can walk hand in hand with her dear Soul ❤️ Andtouch the face of Jesus Christ. His sermons brought do many Souls to Christ he will be greatly missed.

Cindy Kelley Dickinson - September 15, 2019 at 01:08 AM

B(

Uncle Mickey you were a wonderful man, you always made me laugh, love you.

Becky Ann McConville (niece) - September 15, 2019 at 09:43 AM

ST

John 14:1-6 Jesus Christ of Nazareth said, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Stevie Tidwell - September 15, 2019 at 03:33 PM

CH

*Praying for you Mrs Barbara. You were a customer of mine at the Framing Shop and Mr Crane came with you one day. He gave me some advice that I treasure even today. You both prayed with me. I will never forget that day. Still say that God sent him to me that day. Thanks for your service. You are in my prayers.
Cathy Harbison*

cathy harbison - September 15, 2019 at 09:42 PM

JK

Bro. Mickey was my father in the faith. When I came to New Oak Grove about 22 years ago I was broken and full of guilt and regrets. I cannot remember all the details of the sermon but I can remember very distinctly him preaching about grace one Sunday morning and my life was forever changed. He always offered grace no matter the offense. He was so good at offering correction and comfort at the same time. I have no doubt he blanketed our church with prayer and spent many sleepless nights over us, he genuinely cared about everyone, he also made everyone feel as if they were the most important person in the world.

Jason Kelly - September 16, 2019 at 03:47 PM

CM

Wonderful man of God. Will be missed. God needed him to work on in Heaven. He will carry on for the Lord. Such sweet memories

Cindy Keeton McQueen - September 17, 2019 at 05:50 PM

PH

“ *Sorry for your loss*



Pauline Hood - September 17, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *Pat Barton lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane*



Pat Barton - September 16, 2019 at 09:57 AM

TB

“ *Tony BrakeField lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane*



Tony BrakeField - September 16, 2019 at 09:16 AM

DP

“ *Debra Pearce lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane*



Debra Pearce - September 15, 2019 at 11:24 PM

ML

“ *What is a good man?
A man who loves God and puts him first.
A man who loves his wife and family.
A man who loves his church.
A friend who loveth at all times.
Bro. Mickey Crane was certainly a good man. I never saw him that he did not greet you with a smile on his face and he exuded joy in his heart. I know he will be missed by all who loved him. Praying for comfort for his wife and family. I have no doubt that he is rejoicing at the throne of God.*

Michael and Brenda Lambert - September 15, 2019 at 05:18 PM

DN

“ *Sending love and beautiful memories. ❤️*



Dorothy Noles - September 14, 2019 at 04:24 PM

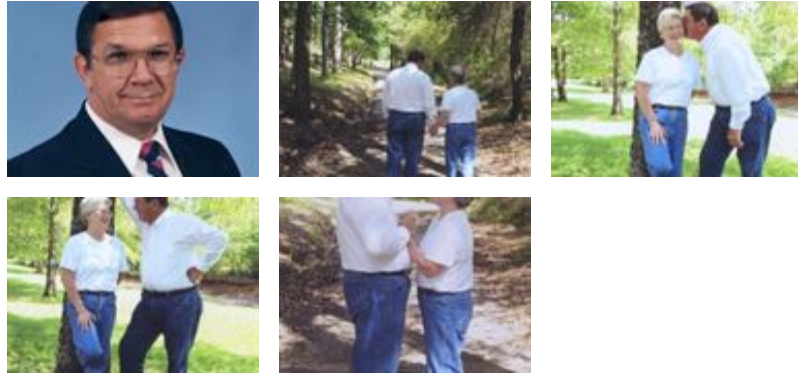


“ *Finished school with Mickey love Mickey and his family The worlds loss and Heavens Gain*

Linda Miller - September 14, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pinkard Funeral Home - September 14, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ He will be greatly missed and loved by many! When my granny hill(granny clampet) died I took her "tonic" and continued the tradition then he started calling me "granny clampet" and I was just in my 30's! But I try to keep hers and my grandparents and traditions alive. He would let me know if he needed "tonic" for a cough!

Delta Owen - September 14, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ LanaThomas lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



LanaThomas - September 14, 2019 at 05:29 AM



RIP, Brother Mickey

Oscar D Mann - September 14, 2019 at 11:28 AM



Bro. Mickey baptized me when I was thirteen years old. I am grateful for his living example of the Christian faith.

Eb Bunn - September 14, 2019 at 07:31 PM

JW

“*Brother Mickey Crane will be missed. He was a wonderful person and pastor of our church for many years. There was only one, Brother Mickey. He shared God with everyone by example.*”

Judy Worden - September 14, 2019 at 02:41 AM

ES

“*Evelyn Scott lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane*”



Evelyn Scott - September 14, 2019 at 01:32 AM

MW

“*Marilyn Chambless Williams lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane*”



Marilyn Chambless Williams - September 14, 2019 at 12:36 AM

RM

“ Over the years of Bro Mickey's pastorate at Oak Grove, he and I conducted a number of funerals together. Our mother, Lois Kilgore McKeever referred to Bro Mickey as one of her three preacher boys. He was loved by everyone and will be sorely missed. In almost every funeral we had together, he play the guitar and sand Buelah Land. Now, he is there as a permanent resident. I thank god for the ministry He gave to Bro Mickey and his family. He loved and he was loved in return.

Ronald McKeever - September 13, 2019 at 10:46 PM

RB

“ Rhonda Bottoms lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



rhonda bottoms - September 13, 2019 at 10:18 PM

DS

“ I remember my little 10 year old wanting to be saved , I remember his dad going to brother Mickey, I remember his Constance guidance to follow a walk with the lord. Today my children their dad and I are better because god sent all of use a godly man to follow! I can only imagine God welcoming brother Mickey into the gates of heaven saying well done my good and faithful servant!!! You will be missed. Debra Dodd Sims

Debra Dodd Sims - September 13, 2019 at 10:11 PM

PL

“ Barbara, Chris, & family, our hearts are broken that you, his precious family, won't have his physical presence here with us, but our hearts can rejoice at the fact that we know that he's In his heavenly home with no more suffering & pain. Simply put, he was a good man that everyone who met & knew him felt honored to call him friend. He touched so many lives for the better. He was loved & respected by many. Several years ago, after my father's death we moved my mother to Lynn. My son, Chris, who worked at T & F, asked Bro. Mickey to pray for his grandmother who had recently moved here and was not in good health. He came by one day on Chris's lunch & had Chris ride with him over to meet my mother. Mother enjoyed that visit so very much & as it turned out Bro. Mickey & Mother lived growing up in the same area & knew some of the same people. They talked & laughed about things they remembered. They even shared recipes, especially how to put up kraut. He visited my mother several more times during the time we were blessed to have her with us. She looked forward to his visits and they brought a smile to her face. Just wanted to share one little story as to why our family loved him. May God keep HIS loving arms around each of you giving you strength, comfort, & peace until you are with him again. Love & prayers. ❤️🙏🙏

Peggy & Gary Little - September 13, 2019 at 10:08 PM

CA

“ Rejoice in Heaven Brother Mickey. Your work on earth is done.



Cyndi Bell Alexander - September 13, 2019 at 09:46 PM

CR

“ *Candi Reid lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane*



Candi Reid - September 13, 2019 at 09:42 PM

MS

“ *Mickey was a good Godly man*

Mark SWindle - September 13, 2019 at 07:20 PM

AH

“ *Such a sweet, humble man.*



Ashley Hines - September 13, 2019 at 07:09 PM

DP

“ *Danny Phelps lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane*



danny phelps - September 13, 2019 at 07:09 PM

BG

“ At 1 of many revivals he ran at Waldrop, my son brought a friend with him to church, they were elementary age. Mickey said "have you ever hit the panic button?". About the time the friend leaned over to ask Brian what is a panic button, Mickey hit the pulpit hard and yelled whoa....the friend jumped in Brian's lap(and he was twice as big as Brian).. well, Betty McCullar and Allen saw it...they got so tickle that she had to go out, when she came back in they got tickle again, me sitting there punching Allen in his side saying be quite.... both boys still
Remember it over 30 years later..Mickey said he didn't know what had happened but he couldn't look toward us the rest of the service., but once again he left an impression.....many fond memories and some sad ones that we shared also...the family has my love and prayers....

Becky Galloway - September 13, 2019 at 06:42 PM

GE

“ Gina Eads lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Gina Eads - September 13, 2019 at 06:37 PM

DE

“ Deborah Estes lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Deborah Estes - September 13, 2019 at 06:36 PM

JN

“ MY PRAYERS AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL. MICKEY WAS A DEAR FRIEND,
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS HIS MEMORY .

BLESSINGS, JAMES NICHOLS

JAMES NICHOLS - September 13, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ William N Terrie Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



William N Terrie Atkins - September 13, 2019 at 06:13 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss, much love and prayers to the family.



Teresa Haynes - September 13, 2019 at 06:06 PM

MH

“ Bro Mickey was the sweetest person. He always took the time to speak if he seen you out. My prayers go out to the family. Bro Mickey is rejoicing now in the realms of Heaven

Mary Harris - September 13, 2019 at 06:00 PM

JS

“ He and Barbara were on a trip to see the Ark in March if this year. What a delight they both were. He kept us entertained with his songs and poems or riddles! Good memories of him!
Go Rest high on that mountain Brother!! 🙏 for the family! ❤️

Jean Wilson of Double Springs - September 13, 2019 at 05:43 PM

GD

“ Genie Dotson lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Genie Dotson - September 13, 2019 at 05:37 PM

BE

“ Belynda Evans lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Belynda Evans - September 13, 2019 at 05:32 PM

AM

“ Audrey Yealock Marsh lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Audrey Yealock Marsh - September 13, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SS

“ Shelly Sealy lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Shelly Sealy - September 13, 2019 at 05:01 PM

AW

“ Angie Winkles lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Angie Winkles - September 13, 2019 at 04:32 PM

SH

“ Suzanne Guthrie Head lit a candle in memory of Mickey Crane



Suzanne Guthrie Head - September 13, 2019 at 04:12 PM