



## Lt. Cdr. Michael Joseph Zook

November 3, 1947 - October 7, 2022

Michael Zook was called to his Heavenly Home by his Lord whom he loved, followed, and served on October 7, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Lee Zook (formerly Debbie Nally, daughter of Hank and Ruth Nally), who deeply loved him for 49 years of marital bliss. She told him every day of his illness that everywhere she went, every breath she took, he was with her because they are One. They have two children Benjamin Michael Zook, (married to Beth, with daughters, Morgan, Maddie and Maci), and Amanda Textor (wife of Ryan Textor). His steadfast love for his children was a daily reflection of God the Father.

Mike has two sisters, Carol Ann and Susan who cherish the memories they made with their brother. His precious, devoted Dad and Mom who he made so proud, and his Father and Mother-in-law who could not have had a more perfect Son-in-law are all having fellowship with him in Heaven. He had special, fun times with 9 children that were grandchildren from his heart. Mike also had an extended group of spiritual family and friends around the world who enjoyed close fellowship with him.

Mike graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia in 1965 and from Penn State in 1970 with Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering and went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1978. Mike served his country with pride as a retired Lt. Commander and a Vietnam Veteran.

Yet, his first love was to serve Jesus along his wife by following the Great

Commission and to share the Good News that Jesus died and gave His life to all that would receive Him. He used his spiritual gifts of administration and teaching the Word to encourage the body of Christ around the world. Mike and Deborah got to enjoy 36 countries together, but Mike beat her by two, 38! His favorite Bible promises were a testimony of his love for Jesus, Psalms 118:24 "This is the day the Lord hath made, rejoice and be glad in it" He lived a life enjoying every day Jesus gave him. His life verse was Philippians 1:6 "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus." Jesus' good work in Mike is complete and he is now praising Jesus with his glorified body with no more pain or sickness. He is now in eternal fellowship with other believers, and we all look forward to being with him forever. Mike will be missed so very much. In lieu of flowers, we would like our dear niece, Angela Davis and her family, Andrew Davis and their four children to be blessed. Two of their children have extreme allergies that have caused disability and a lack of quality of life. Please send donations to the GiveSendGo fund for Medical Relief for Davis Kids ([givesendgo.com/davismedicalrelief](https://givesendgo.com/davismedicalrelief)).

Public visitation will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 1:00-8:00pm at Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road, with Funeral Services to be held at the funeral home on Sunday, October 23 at 3:00pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

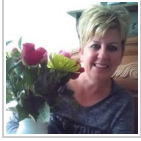
Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown  
9318 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, KY 40299  
(502) 266-9655

## Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sending love from Karen and Brian Lincoln  
Matt, Zachary, Megan, and Josiah Winters*

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**Karen Winters-Lincoln** - November 12, 2022 at 12:48 AM

MA

*this maci im his grandautgher my grandpa was the kindness guy i have ever know he would let me sit on his knee and if their was a little kid he would give them a siticker he was so funny and loved to play games its sad to see him go i loved him really much i wish he could have seen me get the honor role at school or see me go to my first dance and not seeing me grow up is hard i know he wont be able to see me fnish school and to see me get a good job or to see me turn 11 i loved him so much i thank every one for praying for him love to you all*

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**maci** - April 27, 2023 at 07:41 PM

MA

*Hey this maci again I'm 13 now it's sad to know he missed me becoming a ture teen I wish I could go back and tell him goodbye their was one time I had the chance to visit him but I didn't I'm do sad and angry because I never told him good bye I love him so much and ik I'll see him soon just not right now*

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**Maci** - August 20, 2024 at 08:39 PM

MA

*I'm 14 now he's been gone for so long we watch videos of him when my dad was small i love my grandpa and i miss him so much*

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**maci** - December 18, 2025 at 01:22 AM

PG

“ I met Mike and Deborah many years ago in Washington, DC. We were involved in ministry together there. I loved hanging out with them. They were both such encouragers.

When the Lord finally called me to join the ministry full-time, we were in Ft. Collins, CO at a conference. Mike and Deborah were the first people I told. Mike's response—“Well, it's about time!”

I moved away from DC and our paths only crossed occasionally for many years. More recently we found each other again, in Orlando. We enjoyed some times together as they showed my husband and me some favorite spots of theirs tucked away at Disney Springs. I'm so glad we had the chance to reconnect and for my husband to meet them.

I am so sad for how this year unfolded for Mike and Deborah. I know he leaves a big hole. But I also rejoice for him as he is now with the Lord He loves so much, and is suffering no more. What a beautiful life of love Mike lived. (Pam Gaither)

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**Pam Gaither** - October 22, 2022 at 08:37 AM

HN

“ When excited ! Michael "Had To: rub both hands together... as two sticks to make a spark!  
His expression was Gibbidy Gibbidy Oh Yeah!! The best... was my boat teaching him and  
Getting him Up on Water Skis!!  
So excited! BUT was in extreme delusions, not being able to rub those hands together! LOL TO FUN.

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**Henry Nally** - October 21, 2022 at 04:57 PM

HN

“ Deborah, Amanda, Ben & Beth and children ❤️ We share in your sorrow in this time, the same as we have across this last year. My family had so very much time spent with yours across many years in 80s and 90s! with Many cousin memories growing up. And your many visits in my Brooks home and Grant Manor! Chris and I are so thankful for your invites and the time spent with you in Mike's ICU battle Then♥ Ben & Beth's wedding 🥰 time and your recent calls. We are here in Lou. now, to be here for you. We remain to be here with you through the service. Deb, Ben... your call last week to me and your conversation was special... most definitely touched and Spirit guided. In Christ, Chris & Barton Nally

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Henry Nally - October 21, 2022 at 04:50 PM

JN

“ Dear Deborah , we're so sorry for your loss of the love of your life . We share in that loss as well Mike was a wonderful man . We enjoyed our times with him and you thru the years . There weren't too many in our late years due to distance . Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers . Mike is at peace and enjoying his time with those he loved , especially Jesus . One day you will see him again . Just hold on to that hope always . God's love and blessings in the days ahead . In love and deepest sympathy . Love and hugs , your brother Rick .

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James Richard Nally - October 21, 2022 at 11:19 AM

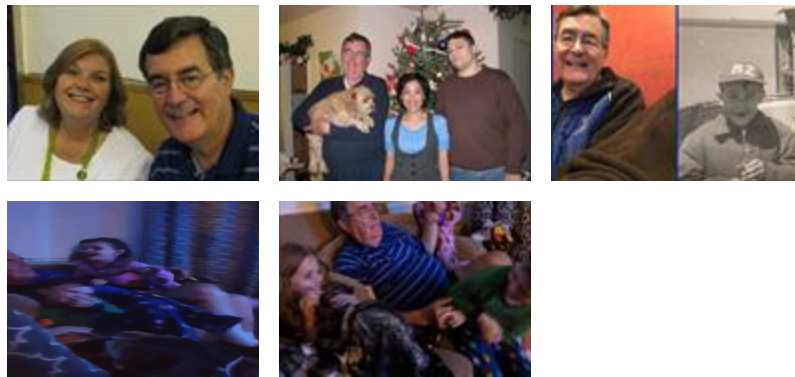
DS

“ Our condolences to Debbie and his children. Prayers for all who knew and loved him. Mike was the son in law of our dear neighbors Hank and Ruth Nally. We always enjoyed seeing Mike and Debbie when they visited. So sorry for your loss but know heaven gained another beautiful soul. 🙏

Don and Donna Shacklette - October 20, 2022 at 08:55 AM

AN

“ 6 files added to the album Michael with Family



Angela - October 20, 2022 at 06:51 AM

HN

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Henry Nally - October 21, 2022 at 04:46 PM

KN

“ One of my favorite memories of Michael was our adventure in trying to catch a burglar who had attempted to steal my conversion van each night parked in their driveway while we were visiting them. He and I set up a camera, positioned it toward the van, and waited with great anticipation staying awake late into the night. We never caught the ones trying to steal it but we had many laughs and a story to tell. Michael, I can picture you in heaven the moment you got there.... Rubbing your hands together in great joy as you look into the eyes of the One who saved you and brought you home.

Kathy Nally - October 19, 2022 at 03:20 PM

AF

Uncle Mike was one in a million. His smile and laughter will never leave our hearts. We're jealous that he's now joined again with Hank and Ruth and having a big ole party in heaven. I know he's no longer suffering on this earth and that gives our hearts peace. We love you forever... Until we see you again! Xo

Angela Davis and Family - October 19, 2022 at 04:45 PM

BD

Dear Debbie & family.....  
I am so sorry to learn of your deep loss of your dear husband, (or father, or friend). You & your family are in my prayers during this difficult time. May you feel God's presence and His Wonderful Love as He comforts you, gives you strength and peace during your time of sorrow and grief, as Only He can. Blessings, prayers & love, 🕊️❤️  
Bonnie Phillips Dollinger

Bonnie Phillips Dollinger - October 20, 2022 at 09:18 AM