



Michael "Mike" Donawho

July 12, 2025

Michael Lane Donawho, "Mike" to friends and family, passed away at Christus Mother Frances Hospital on July 12, 2025 in Tyler, TX at the age of 57.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Beverly Donawho of Elmo, Tx, daughter Brittany & Dan Scheid of Maypearl, TX, daughter Lacie & Ryan Smith of Midlothian, TX, daughter Janine and Jimmy Carpenter of Carrollton, TX, grandchildren Blaze, Jaxson, and Emma Scheid of Maypearl, TX, grandchildren Lila, Luke, Olivia, and Grandbaby boy Smith of Midlothian, TX, and his animal children: 3 dogs, 3 cats, 4 horses, and his beloved donkey Nettie, who all live at Mike and Bev's Elmo, TX home. He is also survived by innumerable friends and extended family members.

He is preceded in death by parents Linda (Blythe) & Stanley Donawho of Scurry, TX, many aunts and uncles, and his beloved grandparents.

Mike was born on December 18, 1967 in Ft. Worth, TX to Linda and Stanley Donawho. He graduated from Paramedic school in 2017, which was a lifelong dream of his. He married Bev at 10:11am on 12/13/14 in Ft. Worth, Texas.

God had a plan all along for them to belong to each other and love one another through the last thirteen years until Mike was called home to heaven. They loved their animals, spending time together, and sitting on the back porch just talking and enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. Mike could start a conversation anywhere with anyone. He never met a stranger and would give anyone the shirt off his back.

He had three daughters, Brittany, Lacie, and Janine. His children remember

him as a driven father who encouraged them to pursue their goals. Brittany shared a love of creating and crafting with her dad, while Lacie and Mike shared passions for cooking and playing board games. The girls love to remember one night in the early 2000s when they played monopoly with their dad. As usual, the game was cut-throat with hidden money, secret allies, and homemade "Free Rent" papers. This one particular game lasted 7 hours. Mike loved playing games with his girls and would jump on any opportunity to spend time together in that way.

Mike was an accomplished computer programmer and built his first computer before it was normal for people to have them in their homes. He was filled with curiosity and a love of learning new skills. Over the years, Mike was a racecar driver, a firefighter, paramedic, licensed wedding officiant and DJ, leather worker, wood worker, truck driver, and he enjoyed learning new recipes and cooking, and keeping up with all the new tech that came out over the years. He was a follower of Jesus and a member of Lakepointe Church in Rockwall, TX.

A Celebration of Mike's Life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 1, 2025 at the Max Slayton Funeral Chapel in Terrell, Texas.

Brent Theis, a friend of Mike's through church, will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mike's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael Donawho Memorial Fund at Lakepointe Church - Rockwall for the Special Needs Ministry under the General Fund "Ministries" via www.lakepointe.church.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael "Mike" Donawho*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 02, 2025 at 04:20 PM

BD

“ *I will always love you* ❤️



Bev Donawho - July 31, 2025 at 10:52 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Donawho.*



July 30, 2025 at 06:26 PM

JD

“ *Janice D. purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Michael "Mike" Donawho.*



Janice D. - July 30, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Donawho.*



July 28, 2025 at 03:33 PM

OW

“ *Mike was the absolute best guy. My husband and I were honored to have him officiate our wedding. He will be greatly missed.*



Olivia Welch - July 25, 2025 at 08:48 PM

MD

“ *Mary and Mark Dinkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael "Mike" Donawho.*



Mary and Mark Dinkins - July 22, 2025 at 06:36 PM

KC

“ He was a great man..and a better friend. Lots of love and prayers to your family. I worked with him for 15 years at SLR. He was kind, loving and caring, he was funny as hell and he loved his girls including you of course Bev. He will be greatly missed. He was like family. Will love you forever Mike!! Rest in peace. No one deserves it more than you.

Kim Carruthers - July 17, 2025 at 03:19 PM

DT

“ Donna Tapp lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Donawho



Donna Tapp - July 16, 2025 at 06:55 PM

BS

“ I love you dad! ~Brit



Brittany Scheid - July 16, 2025 at 04:17 PM