



Michael Ralph Watkins

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Michael Ralph Watkins was born in Shreveport, LA on November 2, 1956. He is my little brother and i love him and am, and always have been so proud of him.

The first two years of his life he thought i was his mother because unfortunately our mother was ill and so i got to take care of him while i was not in school.

When Mike was 3 or 4 his parents moved to Houston. When he was 12 our mother passed away. I kept tabs on him and we visited back and forth. He attended Ridgcrest Elementary School, Landrum Junior High, and Spring Branch High School.

In 1976 Mike called me in Shreveport and asked me if he could come and stay with me until he found a job.

I asked him why wasn't he in school and he confessed that he had quit school and had been working as a welder so he could buy a car. Then there was a layoff, so he needed help. I said of course he could stay with me but he had to get back into school and he agreed. He went back to school and received his GED from Byrd High School after that he enrolled in commercial college and received a diploma in advanced computer programming. He also attended Bossier Community College. So he got serious about his education and i've always been so proud of his accomplishments.

Then he joined the company he worked at for 45 years and finished growing up. Thank you to those for your friendship to him through all those years. It was the most important thing in his life getting to work with his friends and colleagues.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul Dean Watkins and mother, Ethel Massey. I pray he knows how much we love him and miss him. I know he does! And i am happy he is not sick and in pain now. And he can enjoy his peace and joy. And i know our heavenly father through Jesus Christ will continue to Bless him.



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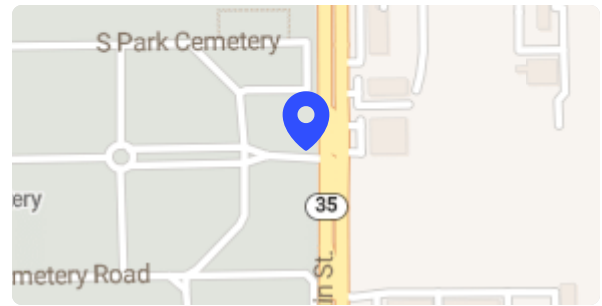
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Graveside

 **Wednesday**, June 15, 2022

 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM CT

 **South Park Cemetery**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581





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LI

Lisasechelsku posted:

We would go out to eat, and just sit there and talk and just make each other laugh. I'm just s friend Lisa Sechelski, wished I would have known last saw him in May any body that can contact me 832-830-9331, please.

June 21 at 9:00 PM

LS

Laura Sims posted:

His first words to me were welcome to Houston darling as I walked thru the computer room doors.. he had a heart of gold and a spirit to match. Rest easy now my friend we have it from here..Your friend.. Laura Sims

June 18 at 8:38 PM

CH

Chrystal Hatchett lit a candle in honor of Michael.

As a coworker with Mike I always remember him as a caring, nice guy. He will be missed.

June 18 at 11:18 AM



RW

Rick Warner posted:

When the Des Moines and Texas Operations teams merged, I remember my 1st call to the Texas Computer room. It was Mike that answered. Had I dialed the wrong number, I would have easily been able to guess I reached a true, blue Texan. His accent was so thick, it took me a while to get used to. What stood out about Mike to me was his over the top pleasant disposition. His voice was always so full of energy and appreciation. Those that have known Mike for years regularly mention what a unique soul he was. In the short time I knew Mike, I was able to see it too. That's how you SHOULD live your life, blaze your own trail and become your own person. Mike was the epitome of that! Thankful I got the chance to know him.

June 15 at 9:11 PM

TT

Tiffany Truong posted:

Mike, You will be missed by so many. I will always remember your generous spirit and happy smile. you were always calm in the roughest storms. It has been a great honor to work with you. We will always remember you.

June 15 at 1:43 PM



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MH

Mike Hamilton posted:

It was my pleasure to have worked with Mike on three of his career locations over a span of at least 35 of those years. We met at the Cap Bank building in Baton Rouge on Lobdell Blvd. He called me at 3:30 AM and said my files are ready and that he had a cup of coffee ready when i arrived. What a first impression he made. Then he moved to my city in Beaumont Tx for a few years and we often had coffee and even discussed coffee. As Bubba Gump was to Shrimp, Mike was to coffee. When he moved to the Houston data center, I always tried to make sure i was there at a time where I could have a shot of coffee. I pray for the family and friends that they find peace and joy in remembrance of his life knowing that he has found the ultimate peace and joy in paradise.

June 15 at 10:07 AM

AJ

Advil Josey lit a candle in honor of Michael.

My condolences to Mike's family and friends. I remember him walking into work carrying his clock and pyramid. He was one of a kind and will be missed as one of the Westheimer Fiserv family members. Many years of great memories that made Fiserv an enjoyable place to work. Rest in Peace, my friend. You will not be forgotten.



June 15 at 10:07 AM

AE

Agnes Ester posted:

My deepest condolences to the Watkins family. Mike as we referred to him at Fiserv will surely be missed. I can't ever recall a time i didn't see a gentle smile on his face. May his soul rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May God be with you all during this time of sorrow. Many Blessings Fiserv Colleague Agnes Ester

June 15 at 4:19 AM

DD

Doug Duis posted:

Mike, you will be missed. Thank you for the conversations we had on my trips to the Houston office and the dedication to your friends and collogues. God speed. Doug Duis

June 15 at 4:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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