



Michael Duane Blackwell

October 8, 1947 - August 10, 2023

On Thursday, August 10, 2023, Michael Duane Blackwell, devoted husband and father of two beloved sons, died at his home in Irmo, SC. He finished the race God had set before him and met his Savior face-to-face preceding in death his loving wife of 53 years, Delaine Price Blackwell, his elder son and wife, Christopher Michael and Jessica Marin Blackwell and their six children, Ezra, Eliza, Eli, Ezekiel, Evangeline and Ever; his younger son and wife, Jason Clinton and Crystal Ransford Blackwell and their three children, Ellie, Reese and Sadie.

Mike was born on October 8, 1947, in Spartanburg, SC to Roy Lee Olin Blackwell and Earline Littlefield Blackwell. He grew up on the Apalache Mill Village in Greer, South Carolina, where his passion for playing baseball was birthed and where he met his best friend's sister, Delaine Price, the love of his life. They were married on June 20, 1970. Graduating from Greer High School in 1965, Mike went on to the Citadel where he played on the baseball and golf teams and graduated in 1969. He then began a career in marketing with Southern Bell and AT&T. This led him into an adventure in telecommunications, fiber-optic networks, venture capital investing and start-up companies. After his retirement from the corporate world, Mike opened Christian bookstores and enjoyed serving as a Vice President at Columbia International University. He was an avid reader and also the author of three books: *Cross Eyed*; *The Bloodstained Wall: A Modern Day Adaptation of the Book of Nehemiah* and *Remember Now Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth*:

The Religious Heritage of The Citadel.

If you were to ask Mike what his greatest achievement was, he would say it was his family and his involvement in his church and Christian causes. He was known for his bright mind, his fascinating stories, his “one liners” and his quick wit. He loved movies and music. He was happiest when his nine grandchildren came to Papa’s lake house for the day or went with him to a movie or the State Fair. He found great joy in supporting the Bible Study ministries Delaine was a part of and the Israel Study Tours she led through her ministry, Joy of Abiding.

A service to celebrate God’s faithfulness in Mike’s life will be held on Friday, August 18th at First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion Street, Columbia SC at 10 o’clock, with visitation following in Jackson Hall at the church.

Burial and a graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 19th, in Greer, SC at Wood Memorial Park at 11 o’clock.

Shives Funeral Home and Wood Mortuary are assisting the Blackwell family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a memorial gift to The Omnibus Classroom in Cayce, SC. Donations can be made by contacting Chris Blackwell at cmblackwell37@gmail.com or at omnibusclassroom.com.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Ecclesiastes 12:1

Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

Courtesy of The Wood Mortuary, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church Columbia
1324 Marion Street
Columbia , SC

Graveside Service

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wood Memorial Park
863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Tribute Wall

OS

“ *A huge loss for both Greer and Columbia! --Oran*

Oran Smith - August 17, 2023 at 10:13 AM

TF

“ *The Moore family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Duane Blackwell.*



The Moore family - August 17, 2023 at 09:48 AM

RT

“ *Mike Blackwell and I worked together at Southern Bell/AT&T in the late 1970's and 1980's. It was always a pleasure to be in his company. Later in retirement, Mike and I occasionally had lunch where he never failed to inspire and entertain with his stories. I will miss those times ... my wife Carollette and I send our condolences. Hal and Carollette Turner
Columbia, South Carolina*

Robert Turner - August 15, 2023 at 08:36 AM

BP

Although Michael has gone to his heavenly home, he will be remembered by those who knew him. I remember that he was such a nice guy in high school. I didn't know he was married to Delaney Price. Such a sweet girl in high school. Blessings for Michael's loving family.

Barbara Groce Prichard - October 26, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Duane Blackwell.*



August 12, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Our parents were friends with Mikes parents and the Blackwell family. We are sorry for your loss.*

*Angie Ashmore Kruse and
Allison Ashmore Kellum*



Angie AshmoreKruse - August 11, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I remember him from our days at Apache School. I remember I was on the little league baseball team, Mike was playing Pony League. I remember watching him play, he was so good. Delaine and family, thinking of all of you during this time.*

Steve Campbell - August 11, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Delaine, Chris and Jason,
I mourn with you all in the passing of Mike. You all are family to me. I was blessed to be with Mike & Delaine last year on two occasions at Price family gatherings. Mike was especially jovial and his sense of humor & dry wit was still alive & well. May God's strength and comfort be with you all in the coming days.*

Joyce Brannon

Joyce Brannon - August 11, 2023 at 03:33 PM

SM

“ *Delaine and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Mike. He was a fine man, and I mourn with you. May God wrap His Loving arms around you and give perfect comfort.* ”



Sarah Wakefield McIntyre - August 11, 2023 at 12:34 PM

BW

“ *So sad to hear this news. Delaine, Norman & I send our love & prayers to you & your family* ”

Betty West - August 11, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Duane Blackwell.* ”

August 11, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Duane Blackwell.* ”



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“ *Love and prayers to your family* ❤️🙏 ”

Carol Gibson - August 10, 2023 at 09:22 PM

JF

“ *Judy Friddle lit a candle in memory of Michael Blackwell*



Judy Welch Friddle - August 10, 2023 at 05:56 PM