



## Michael Oran Moody

August 19, 1950 - August 11, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Michael Oran Moody, 74, of Ft. Smith, AR passed away peacefully on Monday, August 11, 2025. Michael was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He was well known for his selfless personality, friendly nature, high standard of integrity, and dry wit. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Michael was born on August 19, 1950 in Ft. Smith, AR to Helen and Oran Moody, Jr. He graduated from Northside High School and attended Westark Community College. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Ft. Smith, but he also frequently attended First Baptist Church of Fort Smith.

Michael was an award winning competitive marksman and a long time member of the Old Fort Gun Club. In his younger years, Michael loved water-skiing, fishing, camping, canoeing with his daughter, and hunting. He was a career accountant and a partner with his father in Moody and Moody Accountants. In his later years, Michael's favorite things to do were go on daily walks with his friend Sandy McKeown, make macaroni and cheese with his granddaughters, pray daily for family and friends, watch Charles Stanley, and spend time visiting and talking with his family and many friends.

Left to cherish Michael's memory are his daughter, Emily Wallace (Jimmy) of Olive Branch, MS; granddaughters, Avery Grace Wallace, Madeline Claire

Wallace, and Caroline Kate Wallace, all of Olive Branch; and, sisters, Gail Branstetter (Russ) of Tuttle, OK and Mona Lejman (Bruno) of Van Buren, AR. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Kelly Moody and Oran Moody, Jr.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service to celebrate Michael's life on Saturday, August 30, 2025. There will be a visitation at 10:00am with the service to follow at 11:00am. The memorial will be held at First Church of the Nazarene in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's honor may be sent to St Jude Children's Research Hospital. [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Online condolences can be written on his tribute page at [www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church of the Nazarene  
4813 N O street  
Fort Smith, AR 72904

## Memorial Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“Uncle” Mike was my husband’s maternal uncle but he was mine too! He continued the tradition of his father, Oran Moody, of kissing our firstborn on the head when he met her. I remember his ham at holidays—best ham ever! He was always friendly and easy-going and raved about his grand girls.

In recent years Uncle Mike and friend Sandy took time to visit when Chris and I or one of our girls came through town. It was always on our way somewhere else, but Uncle Mike made the effort to see us even for a short time. He often slipped one of us a \$100 bill when we said goodbye, and so he continued another Pawpaw habit of giving. It was always a joy to hear that he had read his nephew Chris’s book along with his Bible one more time.

We love you, Uncle Mike! You will be missed, but we know we will meet again in Jesus’ presence!!

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**Julie Branstetter** - August 30, 2025 at 06:19 PM

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“ Used to see him walking at Central Mall ... always had time for a quick word with employees and customers

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**David Yarbrough** - August 17, 2025 at 09:50 PM

JN

“ Where to start...Shooting buddy, traveled some with him and other friends to shooting matches....Gun show buddy....and a friend that was always there. Will be so missed. Best and love to the family. Solid man in Christ that lived the gospel he so much loved. Now entered into rest. Godspeed Mike!

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**John Neihouse** - August 16, 2025 at 07:19 PM

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“ Nikki and Harrison Poole purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Oran Moody.

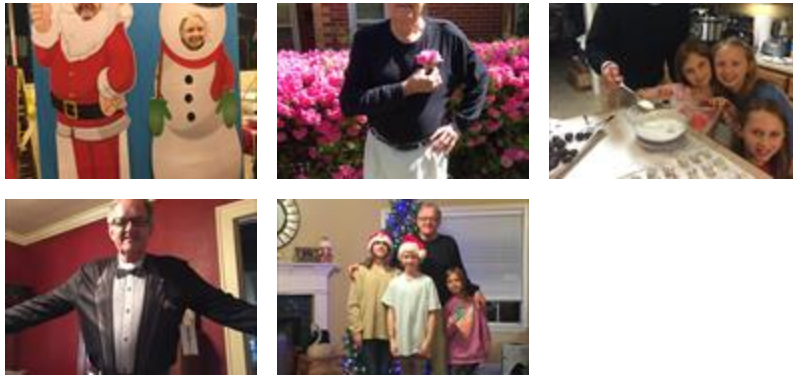


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**Nikki and Harrison Poole** - August 15, 2025 at 09:01 PM

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**Emily** - August 14, 2025 at 10:58 PM