



## "Mike" Grady Michael Thompson

October 28, 1953 - May 10, 2018

Grady Michael "Mike" Thompson, a native of Woodleaf NC, graduated to Heaven on Thursday, May 10 th , 2018 after an extended illness and a valiant three month battle to regain his health.

Born in Rowan County, on October 28 th , 1953 to the late Elva Lee McDaniel and Frank

Wallace Thompson, Mike was a graduate of West Rowan High School and Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

A friend to many, Mike worked at MAN Bus Company, American LaFrance and

Freightliner's Cleveland facility. He enjoyed and was dedicated to his job as a Quality

Control Auditor until his recent retirement. Mike was an avid collector, with an appreciation for all things antique. He had a gift for taking something others had cast

off and making it useful again. Mike enjoyed a good practical joke, working with his

hands, the beauty of the mountains around Sparta, NC and quiet evenings at home

with loved ones which included 3 cats and 2 dogs.

Preceding him in this life was his brother Mark Daniel Thompson. Survivors include his wife, Janet Cranford Thompson whom he married on June 21, 1981; two sons, John Thompson and his wife Erin along with their three children, Mason Smith, Evelyn and Bennett Thompson of the home, and son Ryan Thompson all of Woodleaf, NC.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 th at Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury, NC.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 17 th at South River United Methodist Church in Woodleaf, NC. The Rev. A.J. Moore will officiate, and Tim Kelty

will also assist with the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the South River UMC for the Cemetery Endowment Fund,

2880 South River Church Road, Woodleaf , NC or to the Scotch-Irish Fire Department,

3220 Needmore Road, Woodleaf, NC. Also please consider making a donation of blood or platelets at your local blood drives.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Thompson family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## South River United Methodist Church Cemetery

2880 South River Church Rd.  
Woodleaf, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

South River United Methodist Church  
Woodleaf, NC 27054

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Mike was one of a kind, I got to know him 26years ago. Mike would help out any one once he got to know them, he would wait to see if you were one of those people that wanted everything he had or if you just wanted help or advice from him. Mike helped me in more ways than one. I worked side by side with him and got to know him personally. He gave me finacial advice on my retirement that I'm indebted to him for life, but he also gave advice and answers to questions that only a father can give. He did these things without hesitation after my own father passed. Now into the fun.....yes he loved to stir up trouble or start a rumor.He was also a VERY frugal person. Man he could save a penny...like picking up change outside a fast food restraint drive through window or burger king and McDonald'sgiving a free refill on drink if you saved your cup, he would just walk in and refill his cup and leave getting a free drink until burger king cought on to this and he got caught, never bothered Mike he simply paid for drink and waited on next opportunity. He talked about burger king offering a free meal on back of reciept...he would take receipt of a tray or pick them up out of the parking lot. 😊 The stories go on and on like these...

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**Greg McDaniel** - June 05, 2018 at 11:12 AM

KE

“ Janet, John, and Ryan, so sorry about Mike. Loved seeing him at the flea market almost every Sat. He was a very unique person. I know you guys will miss him. Katie and Gregg Evans are keeping you foremost in our prayers.

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**Katie Evans** - May 16, 2018 at 05:34 PM

DL

“ Janet, so sorry to hear of your loss. Mike was a good man who will be so missed. Love and prayers. Debbie and Shea Brown.

Debbie Laws - May 16, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of "Mike" Grady Michael Thompson.



May 16, 2018 at 11:52 AM

DB

“ Janet so sorry to hear of Mike's death. Sending love and prayers to you and all the family. Debbie and Shea Brown.

Debbie Brown - May 16, 2018 at 11:41 AM

DM

“ Janet and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Please know that you and your family will be in my prayers for comfort, strength and encouragement. Love, Debbie Miller

Debbie Campbell Miller - May 16, 2018 at 10:37 AM

EK

“ Janet and family, I am so saddened by your loss. Janet you have been a friend since junior high school and even though we don't see each other often, I still consider you a true lifetime friend. My heart goes out to you and your family. Much love, Edie Kello

Edie Kello - May 15, 2018 at 08:20 PM

CB

“ Janet and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I pray for comfort for you all.

Love, Connie Kello Berardinis

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**Connie Kello Berardinis** - May 13, 2018 at 09:39 PM

BI

“ Brittany Interdonato lit a candle in memory of "Mike" Grady Michael Thompson



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**Brittany Interdonato** - May 13, 2018 at 06:07 PM

CG

Bless you Brittany Interdonato

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**Cynthia M. Goodson** - May 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM

CG

“ Cynthia M. Goodson sent a virtual gift in memory of "Mike" Grady Michael Thompson



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**Cynthia M. Goodson** - May 13, 2018 at 06:01 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Hodge sent a virtual gift in memory of "Mike" Grady Michael Thompson*



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**Lisa Hodge** - May 13, 2018 at 01:02 AM

CG

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**Cynthia M. Goodson** - May 12, 2018 at 02:24 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia M. Goodson lit a candle in memory of "Mike" Grady Michael Thompson*



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**Cynthia M. Goodson** - May 12, 2018 at 02:22 PM