



# Michael Leslie Upchurch

DEC 20, 1948 - JUL 31, 2024



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**M**ichael Leslie Upchurch, 75, of Gastonia passed away on July 31, 2024, surrounded by his family. A memorial service is scheduled at 2 PM on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Blackwood Chapel Baptist Church, Candor, NC. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. No formal visitation is scheduled.

Mr. Upchurch was born December 20, 1948, in Mecklenburg County to the late George and Juanita Upchurch. He is preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Ann Upchurch in 2017.

Those left to cherish his memories are daughter, Amanda Tatum (David) of Gastonia and son, John Tatum (Sonya) of Hickory, grandchildren, Lily Tatum and Chelsey Greene. He is also survived by special God Children, Michelle Perry, Tonya Bostic, and Mark Perry. Mr. Upchurch was preceded in death by his brother Leon Brannen. Michael had a passion for all things sports. He loved to watch sports and he loved his time umpiring softball and refereeing basketball. Michael was devoted to his church and served several roles, including lead Deacon. Michael has volunteered with the Red Cross for last several years. He was known for his quick wit and his ability to tell jokes. His ultimate goal was to bring a smile to your face. Michael has a heart of gold who never met a stranger. He was always generous with his giving. Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle is serving the Upchurch family.



# Events


**Michael Leslie Upchurch**

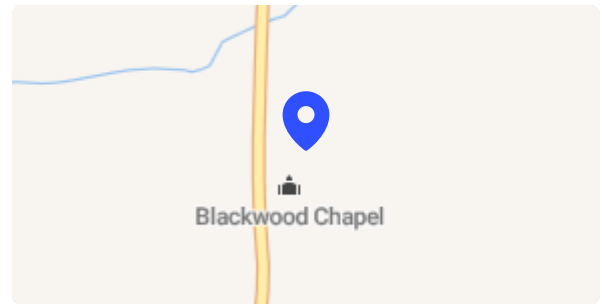
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## Memorial Service


 **Wednesday**, August 7, 2024

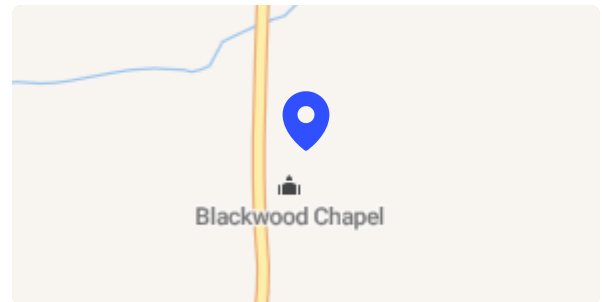
 2:00 PM ET

 **Blackwood Chapel Baptist Church**  
5159 Pekin Rd., Candor NC 27229



## Cemetery Details

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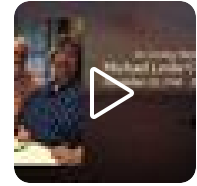
# Tribute Wall

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**Stanly Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.



August 6 at 12:19 PM



**Kathy Evans** posted:

Mike was one of the nicest guys I've known. He was very dedicated to his church, Pritchard Memorial and to his church family. For many years he took on the Basketball ministry and worked hard to make it a success. He also mentored many of the youth, my children included. I will always remember him. Prayers for your family! Kathy Gore Evans

August 9 at 12:56 PM



**Elaine Hollins** posted:

Michael was the nicest person. After his wife passed away he sold his home and rented a house from me. Through the years he came each month a week early to pay his rent. He always brought candy lifesavers to each of us. Michelle, Audra, Ashley and myself and others in the office enjoyed his visits. Always positive, always smiling a great person who will be missed by us all

August 7 at 5:50 PM



**Burt, Abernathy, Rader, Burt** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Upchurch family.



August 5 at 10:46 AM



**Burt, Abernathy, Rader, Burt** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



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**Nancy J Brandenburg** posted:

All my prayers. Mike was will know at the VFW POST 2908 in Albermarle, which he was a member to. And he play bingo on Tuesday, gave out mints at bingo to everyone. He will be miss by all. Rest peace my dear friend. Tell my mom I miss her. Mark and Nancy Brandenburg.

August 2 at 2:20 PM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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