



## Mr. Michael Hickman

May 2, 1956 - August 1, 2024

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A miracle happened 68 years ago. A passionate Evangelist, Preacher, Teacher, and a Lover of Mankind, came into this world. He made his grand entrance May 2, 1956, in the midst of a terrible tropical storm. The late Alvin Hickman, Sr., and Celia Anna Bell Hickman had to hitch up a mule and cart to get to Good Shepherd Hospital, in New Bern, North Carolina for his delivery. They named him Michael Deval Hickman. Michael's dad, Alvin, Sr., would frequently tease him about the way he came into this world by saying; "Michael rowed the boat ashore." Mike, as he was affectionately known by all those that knew him, never stopped rowing even though there were times when his oars broke. Hallelujah!

Mike received his primary Education in New Bern Public Schools, and secondary education in Clark County Public Schools, attending Rancho High School of Las Vegas, Nevada. His work history consisted of McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada, City of Greenville as a Custodial Supervisor, and Better Connections Inc., as a Direct Care Professional, until he took his rest in Jesus.

His journey through life reminds us of the Apostle Paul; doing his own thing

first and then later receiving and accepting the call from God. At the age of 25 he re-dedicated his life to Christ, became a faithful member of Ebenezer SDA Church in Greenville North Carolina, and became a powerful mouthpiece for God warning people to repent, and accept the “Free Gift” of salvation from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As life continued, the things of this world became dimmer and dimmer to him. Mike decided he wanted to be a light in the darkness he felt was surrounding him, so under the unction of the Holy Spirit Mike matriculated to Oakwood (College) University majoring in Theology and Family Life Counseling. His educational pursuit opened doors for many Interim positions in the Seventh Day Adventist Church arena, Franklinton, Smithfield, Lillington, Clinton, Kinston, Radio Broadcast, Morning Glory, and Sabbath Morning Telephone Ministries.

Michael Deval Hickman, Sr. knew his call-in life. He became wrapped up, tied up in the Gospel, giving finances to those in need along with the Word, and again like Apostle Paul, Mike’s mission statement was, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate “Me” from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38 (ESV)

In 1982 Mike needed a Christian lady to complete him, and someone that would embrace a godly home. Annie Ross was the beautiful soul whom he fell in love with. Their union lasted for 42 years. They raised three handsome sons, Malcolm, Jamie (Latasha), Michael Jr. (Stylee), and a beautiful daughter, Tosha. His legacy continues with his five grandchildren: Dr. LaQuanda Gorham, DiJon Mezekiah Overton, Jayme and Jayla Wilson, and Lotus Hickman, as well as one great-granddaughter, Londyn Person.

He leaves to grieve him, two sisters, Ann Smith (Willie), and Vanessa Days (James); one uncle in-law, William Blake; two aunts in-law, Kathie Hickman, and Shirley Hickman; sisters-in-law, Brenda Clemons, Ruby Dell Brown, Sandra Hickman Turner (Reuben), Terry Ross and Yvette Hickman; brothers in-law, Frank Kennedy, Bobby Ross, William Earl Ross (Betty Jean), Larry Ross (Sonya), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and last, but not least, his client "Michael" whom he loved and served faithfully.

After a short illness Michael laid his head to rest at Universal Healthcare on August 1, 2024. He was proceeded in death by six brothers, and four sisters, Allen, Robert, Morris, Alvin Jr., Clifton, Donald O'Neal, Shirley, Cherry Jean, Melba, and Brenda.

We will miss his laughter, his encouragement, his wisdom and his loving ways. His faith will forever inspire us to hold on to God's unchanging hand. Until that great getting up morning, we leave you Michael's Favorite Scripture: "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt his name together."~  
Psalm 34: 1-3 (KJV)

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Seventh Day Adventist  
1375 Mumford Rd  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - August 12, 2024 at 10:50 AM

BT

“ *Byron Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman*



**Byron Tyson** - August 26, 2024 at 06:03 PM

ML

“ *Michael Lanning lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman*



**michael lanning** - August 14, 2024 at 10:20 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman*



**Barbara Chapman** - August 13, 2024 at 11:15 AM

TD

“ Sister Hickman and family, please know that we share in your sadness and our hearts are extremely broken as Pastor Hickman has been such a pillar to our family for many years. We are so thankful for all of his godly knowledge and wisdom that he so lovingly shared with us and the tremendous amount of prayers that he prayed for us and with us. Sending love and prayers of comfort on today and for the days ahead.

Love,

*Tovoya Dobbin & the Pone Family*

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**Tovoya Dobbin** - August 12, 2024 at 11:33 AM

RB

“ Thinking of you all during this moment in time... It is said, "That weeping endures for a night and joy cometh in the morning". No one has told us which night or which morning family... Just know with God's Grace and HIS Mercy... It will come..! I know all to well...in my prayers.. Love you all.. 🙏❤️

**BLESSINGS**

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**Rena Bunns** - August 12, 2024 at 07:27 AM

LC

“ Pastor Hickman will always be remembered in the Mount Hebron SDA Church fellowship. He was had an energy that energized everyone he came in contact with. Our prayers and support will always be here for the family.



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**Lila Strayhorn Sauls, Clerk** - August 12, 2024 at 07:03 AM

CW

“ Cathy Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman



Cathy Wallace - August 11, 2024 at 07:06 PM

DI

“ Doris Ishman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman



Doris Ishman - August 10, 2024 at 12:59 AM

LS

“ Annie, Ann, and Vanessa, our hearts are very heavy to learn of the passing of our dear friend we called brother. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for comfort for the entire family. We love you.



Lawrence & Gladys Suggs - August 10, 2024 at 12:22 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathies to Annie and all of the family. I remember fondly working with Michael for a short time and Annie for a long time. All those memories leave smiles on my face. Prayers of strength and comfort sent.

Marty McDonald - August 08, 2024 at 09:30 AM

ZB

“ Zachary Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman



Zachary Bunns - August 07, 2024 at 10:25 PM

BI

“ Better Connections, Inc. are praying for you and your family courage and peace during this time of mourning. Mike will truly be missed!

Better Connections, Inc. - August 07, 2024 at 12:04 PM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Pastor Michael Hickman was a great person, I remember the times he would come and visit my parents, and him and my father would spend all day talking about the bible, God word and football. Pastor Hickman take your rest, and too the family Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Minister Keith Sampson, Sr.

Keith Sampson - August 07, 2024 at 04:02 AM

TJ

“ Pastor Hickman was such a fun loving person and true man of God!! He will truly be missed. Praying for Miss Annie and the whole Hickman family.

Travis and Paula Jones - August 06, 2024 at 02:09 PM

GW

“ MIKE AND I MEET IN 1998 WHEN WE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.AND FROM THAT DAY UNTIL NOW WE REMAINED FRIENDS WE DIDN,T SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY BUT WHEN OUR PATHS CROSSED WE ALWAYS HAS A GOOD LAUGH. HE CONTINUED TO PREACH TO ME WHICH WAS A PART OF HIM. I PRAY THAT GOD WILL SEND A COMFORTER WHICH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COMFORT TO HIS FAMILY IN THERE TIME OF BEREVEMENT. ANNIE MAE AND FAMILY MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND KNOW THAT GOD WILL SEE YOU THROUGH.

GREGORY WATSON - August 05, 2024 at 12:39 PM

LO

“ To the Hickman family my condolence, my prayers indeed Elder Hickman will be truly missed much love.  
From the Outlaw family

Lisa Outlaw - August 05, 2024 at 11:59 AM

SC

“ Shirley Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman



Shirley Cox - August 04, 2024 at 07:10 PM

DL

“ Mike was a friend for almost 50 years. There were more good times than bad. Praise God. I will miss Mike's laughter, his jovial demeanor, and our get-togethers. Ann, family, My prayers are with you now and in the days to come.



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**Dollie Lucas** - August 03, 2024 at 04:08 PM

DV

“ To the Hickman family, I send my sincere condolences during this trying time. Mike, was always a gentle kind man to me with an infectious laugh/smile. He welcomed me in as if I was one of his sons decades ago. He will be missed. Rest easy now, Mike!!

Vassar

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**Dominic Vassar** - August 03, 2024 at 03:12 PM

PF

“ Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman



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**Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family** - August 02, 2024 at 11:56 PM

BP

“ Bettie Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Hickman



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**Bettie Purvis** - August 02, 2024 at 08:04 PM

EH

“ *My Condolences And Prayers Are With The Family*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - August 02, 2024 at 07:57 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - August 01, 2024 at 04:18 PM