



Michael Lewis Murray

June 19, 1972 - May 4, 2025

Michael Lewis Murray, age 52, of Russellville, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 04, 2025

He exemplified dedication as a family man, committed colleague, and cherished friend. He was rarely seen without a smile on his face and a story to tell. He loved his wife and children very much and was extremely proud of them. He was always available to support whatever activities they enjoyed, even coached Russellville girls travel softball through two championships and travel basketball as well. One could not ask for a better husband and father who was a leader, a provider, and very protective of his family.

He loved cooking, eating, and sharing meals with people. Michael was a member of Southside Baptist Church. He was a really good, down-to-earth selfless guy you could always depend on and had a true servant's heart. He was an amateur comedian sharing a laugh with everyone he met and never meeting a stranger. He could never say no or turn down anyone who needed help.

Michael was a man who loved to work. He started working at a very young age on lawn mowers, and at the age of 16, he started as a mechanic at Tinsley Buick. He worked as a maintenance mechanic for Franklin County Schools before moving to Russellville City Schools. He was the owner,

manager, and mechanic at his own auto repair shop in Russellville, M&G Auto Repair or more commonly known as Michael Murray's shop. He had served with the Russellville Fire Department as a volunteer and was a member of the Cattleman Association. He loved his Franklin County community and was happy to earn the spot of Franklin County District 1 Commissioner and was sworn in to his position in November 2024. He truly thought he could make a difference and serve his community better.

Michael will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 33 years, Kathryn Melton Murray; daughter, Madison Murray, son, Grayson Murray; brothers, Rickey Murray, David Murray (Jean), Mark Murray, Chris Murray; mother-in-law, Earline Cantrell Melton; special nephews, Matt Murray (Nikki), Dusty Murray (Kelly) as well as a host of other nieces & nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Lewis & Thelma (Robinette) Murray; sister & brother-in-law, Dianne & Jimmy Mims; nieces, Callie Brooke Murray, Haylie Murray; and father-in-law, John Wayne Melton.

The visitation will be 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 09, 2025, at Calvary Baptist Church, Russellville. The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 09, 2025, at Calvary Baptist Church with Jeff Murray, Jeremy Seal, and Daniel Welborn speaking at the service. The burial will be at Liberty Hill Cemetery in Phil Campbell.

The pallbearers will be Grayson Murray, Matt Murray, Dusty Murray, Drake Taylor, Doyle Taylor, and Jeff Murray. Friends and family will all be considered as honorary pallbearers.

Michael was a Vo-Tech student himself, and always felt there should be

scholarships available for Vo-Tech.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation in memory of Michael to the first Vo-Tech scholarship for Russellville and Belgreen students that will graduate in 2026. An account will be set up at First Metro.

The family would like to thank all of the 1st responders and the staff of Russellville ER for your dedication and your hard work.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To give private condolences, please visit our website at www.sprymemorialchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Liberty Hill Cemetery

Hwy 43 South
Phil Campbell, AL 35581

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
16241 US 43
Russellville, AL 35653

Funeral Service

MAY **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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16241 US 43
Russellville, AL 35653

Tribute Wall

TE

“ *Your Florida family is still in shock over the loss of Michael. We all loved him and we're sending our love and prayers for God to watch over you all and give you the strength to carry on. . .*



Teresa - May 14, 2025 at 07:56 PM

LE

“ *I am truly sorry. My heart has broken for all of you and I pray that God holds you close during this unimaginable time of pain and grief.*

Madison- I love you girl. I will always be here for you in the days to come. I'm just a text or phone call away.

Layne Edwards - May 10, 2025 at 12:36 AM

RM

I couldn't had a little brother like Micheal murray I love you brother until we meet again R I P little brother

Rickey murray - May 20, 2025 at 06:30 AM

AT

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Michael will be missed. Prayers for comfort and peace. Love Ann Tompkins.*

Ann Tompkins - May 09, 2025 at 02:57 PM



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Spry Memorial Chapel - May 08, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ *Bois & Cindy Jackson Porter lit a candle in memory of Michael Lewis Murray*



Bois & Cindy Jackson Porter - May 07, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *Christy Allen Hasheider lit a candle in memory of Michael Lewis Murray*



Christy Allen Hasheider - May 07, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ Prayers for your precious family. Go rest high on that mountain, Michael. Thanks for all you ever did for us.
Jane Keeton McManus

jane Keeton McManus - May 06, 2025 at 10:21 PM

TP

“ Terry And Janice Pennington lit a candle in memory of Michael Lewis Murray



Terry and Janice Pennington - May 06, 2025 at 08:16 PM

LD

“ Praying for your family you are in our thoughts and prayers



Lawanda darby - May 06, 2025 at 08:07 PM

DF

“ Debra & Alan Winsted & Famliy sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Lewis Murray



Debra & Alan Winsted & famliy - May 06, 2025 at 01:05 PM

DK

“ *Donna King sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Lewis Murray*



Donna King - May 05, 2025 at 09:25 PM

KS

“ *Kevin Scott lit a candle in memory of Michael Lewis Murray*



Kevin Scott - May 05, 2025 at 08:37 PM