



Michael R. "Mike" Ogles

November 4, 1963 - October 14, 2021

Mike Ogles, 57 of Athens, passed away on Thursday, October 14th, 2021, at Alive Hospice. Mr. Ogles was born on November 4th, 1963, To Bobby Ogles and Barbara Harwell Ogles.

Mike is survived by his wife of 37 years, Nikki Bush Ogles; sons Will Ogles (Sara) and Drew Ogles (Jordan); grandchildren Abbie Ogles and Andy Ogles; father Bobby Ogles; Father-in-law Albert Bush Jr. (Ann); siblings; Mark Ogles (Andrea), Deborah Ogles Taylor (Scott), and Daniel Ogles (Paula); Brother-in-law Alan Bush; nieces and nephews; Matthew Taylor, Emma Taylor, Paige Ogles, Grant Ogles.

Mike Ogles, a resident of Athens, was a member of the Market St Church of Christ and a graduate of Athens Bible School. He enjoyed running and was a cross-country State Co-champion his senior year in high school. He studied mechanical engineering at Auburn University where he graduated as the top Mechanical Engineering Graduate of the Quarter and was a finalist for Engineering Graduate of the Year. Mike and Nikki loved watching sports, especially when their sons and grand kids were competing. Anyone who knew him knew of his love for all things Auburn. His grandkids affectionately referred to him as "Tiger", reflecting his love of Auburn sports. His hobbies included thrift store shopping and selling on eBay, as well as being able to quote most of the Andy Griffith Show. His professional career centered around

his interest in NASA, inspired by his dad's work in the Apollo program. His career culminated in what he called his dream job as the Director of NASA Programs at Auburn's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. He was very focused on helping Auburn engineering undergraduates and sought funding for tutoring and research grants for graduate students. Mike, along with his brother Mark, recently established an Engineering Scholarship Endowment that will provide scholarships to Auburn mechanical and electrical engineering student for years to come.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Alive Hospice facility in Nashville Tn.

Preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Harwell Ogles.

Funeral services for Mike will be Wednesday, October 20th, 2021, at 11:00AM at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home with David Cox, Steve Taylor, Kasey Harbin, Marty Adams, Scott Abernathy officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00PM on Tuesday the 19th at the funeral home. Private burial will take place at Roselawn Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

523 US Hwy 31 South
Athens, AL 35611

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ Dear Nikki and family,
I had the privilege of getting to know Mike over the last two years. He was a phenomenal professional and his achievements at Auburn and for NASA will endure into the future. Mike’s kind and encouraging demeanor coupled with his ability to see mutually beneficial solutions made him a standout in our industry. With many people focused on winning, some at all cost, Mike redefined winning by ensuring all involved were represented, contributing and benefiting from every activity. He was the key to making our efforts to contract with Auburn as a private partner successful. He was tireless in his efforts and due to his efforts, we have a highly successful business approach that benefits all, principally the taxpayer.
I know losing such a man of character and calm strength has left an immense void in your hearts, especially yours Nikki. I have been lifting you all in prayer and pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will draw you near and comfort you with His Holy Spirit.
Sincerely,
Mark Cooper

Mark Cooper - October 22, 2021 at 04:31 PM

CS

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Mike was a fine man and he contributed much to making this world a better place. I worked with Mike at Delphi and we also crossed paths several times in later years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.
Chris and Beth Spann

Chris R Spann - October 20, 2021 at 09:53 AM

AU

“ A faculty at Auburn University purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael R. "Mike" Ogles.



A faculty at Auburn University - October 20, 2021 at 09:23 AM

TI

“ I didn't know Mike but I know his son Will and daughter in law Sara. What Mike and I have in common is that we are Christian fathers. As such, our greatest hope in life is that we raise our children to love the Lord and hope they will influence others, mostly their children, to grow in the Lord. Will and Sara are great examples of that legacy. God bless you all. Tom Corum III

Tom Corum, III - October 19, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ John Tomblin - NIAR, Wichita State purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael R. "Mike" Ogles.



John Tomblin - NIAR, Wichita State - October 19, 2021 at 01:26 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. During my years of working with the Delphi staff I worked with Mike on a few projects. He always was a hard working and conscientious engineer who I always enjoyed working with. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and huge network of friends who are dearly missing him. Rest in Peace Mike knowing the impact you had on this earth!
Don Millitello, Streamline Automation, formerly with RYCO.

Don Millitello - October 19, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael R. "Mike" Ogles.



October 18, 2021 at 10:50 AM

NM

“ Prayers to the family 🙏🙏
Natalie Ogles Moore

Natalie Ogles Moore - October 18, 2021 at 02:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael R. "Mike" Ogles.



October 18, 2021 at 01:30 AM

HS

“ My condolences and prayers for Mike and for his family. I always enjoyed the time I spent with Mike, who never seemed to be in a bad mood and always was so positive and smiling. We had some good times in the workplaces at MSFC and Auburn University, on different golf teams in tournaments (his doing much better than mine) and sitting together at some Auburn basketball and baseball games. I am so sorry that he is no longer walking on this planet, but am confident that he is walking on gold. Herb Shivers, Auburn, AL

Herb Shivers - October 17, 2021 at 11:36 PM



“ Mike and I met about a year ago in response to a joint interest in how to engineer and manufacture facilities and spacecraft in space rather than on the ground. In spite of the fact that I am associated with the University of Alabama and his passionate support of Auburn, we worked very well together. In the too short time that I had to work with Mike, we became friends in addition to being colleagues. I was really looking forward to shaping the future of our country in space and developing programs to challenge the newest engineers in Alabama's two best schools. I will truly miss Mike's smile, somewhat quirky sense of humor we shared, and the passion and excitement he felt for students who follow in our footsteps. I love the idea that he and his brother have established an endowment for the future. I can't think of a better way to honor Mike than to contribute to his legacy. I will do so. Prayers said.

Jim Reilly - October 17, 2021 at 04:33 PM

SC

“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to you all at this time of such grief and loss. May our God of all comfort hold you close in the days to come.*

Love in Him, Susan and Lonnie Corley

Susan Corley - October 17, 2021 at 02:55 PM