



## Michael Ray Poland

September 10, 1957 - August 26, 2020

Services for Michael Ray Poland, 62, of Flint will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeff Gage officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Poland passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2020 while working in New Mexico. He was born September 10, 1957 in Henderson to Bobbie Poland and Neva Wynn Poland.

Michael was a member of Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church. He graduated from Henderson High School and Kilgore College. He held the position of independent oil and gas consultant and worked for EOG.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother and father. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Melanie Houck Poland; his son, Robert Poland, his stepdaughter, Natalie Brockman; his stepsons, Allen Milton and Bradley Milton; and his brother, Richard Poland. He is also survived by many grandchildren, cousins, aunts, uncles and in-laws. He adored his many grandchildren.

Michael's smile and his sense of humor were only surpassed by his work ethic. His faith was the cornerstone of his life. He loved music, and dogs, his

boat, and children. He had thousands of stories from his travels across the world, and he loved to share them because he loved laughing with other people. He had a beautiful voice.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brent Bolin, Jake Benton, Sam Sweatt, Cully McMinn, John Greschuk, Eric Wyche, Gregg Moore and Karl Sanders.

A viewing is scheduled from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2020 with visitation scheduled in the evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 31. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703  
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## Service

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lanes Chapel Methodist Church  
8729 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Ray Poland

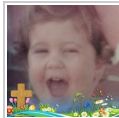


Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 30, 2020 at 03:30 PM

RW

*I had the very best privilege of working with Mike he was a great man and good soul RIP my friend and many prayers to the family and friends*

Rick Ward - September 01, 2020 at 06:51 PM



*Thank you so much. He was a beautiful man inside and out.*

Melanie Poland - September 17, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *I just wanted to update this. It's been nearly 17 months since you passed away, my sweet and funny husband. I miss you so much. Time does take the edge off things and I think you're probably really proud of me for handling things and for my journey toward recovery. However, I will always, always miss you and love you, regardless of where life takes me. I was so blessed to have you in my life. In fact, you were one of the biggest blessings of my life. I cherish every memory. You honestly never brought me anything but joy and laughter. What a great man you were.*

Melanie Poland - January 15, 2022 at 12:02 PM

JC

“ *John Culpepper lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland*



john culpepper - September 13, 2020 at 01:02 PM

TV

“ *Tom Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland*



Tom Vaughn - August 31, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 31, 2020 at 03:33 PM

TF

“ *Terry Thompson and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Ray Poland.*



Terry Thompson and Family - August 31, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Charles and Patsi Veazey purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Michael Ray Poland.



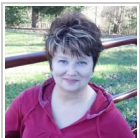
Charles and Patsi Veazey - August 31, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Poland.



August 31, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Becky Hammett Rountree  
Class of 76



Becky Hammett Rountree - August 31, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Poland.



August 31, 2020 at 10:07 AM

KC

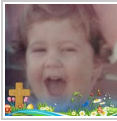
“ *Wow, what a great guy we lost. Worked with Mike for several years at Western Co. such a joy to be around and always keeping things interesting. Sincere condolences to the family.*

Kevin Cavalier - August 30, 2020 at 08:57 PM

JB

“ *Dear Melanie,  
Our heart breaks for you, Robert and your family.  
A loss like Mike can only be filled with memories of his incredible smile and infectious laughter. I know he filled your life with these and that they will bring you comfort in the coming days. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Lovingly,  
Julie Beck and Carrie Jackson, your friends at The Coin Investor*

Julie BECK - August 30, 2020 at 05:03 PM



*Julie, thank you so much. Michael was just a terrific person. We were blessed to have him for as long as we did.*

Melanie Poland - September 11, 2020 at 06:48 AM



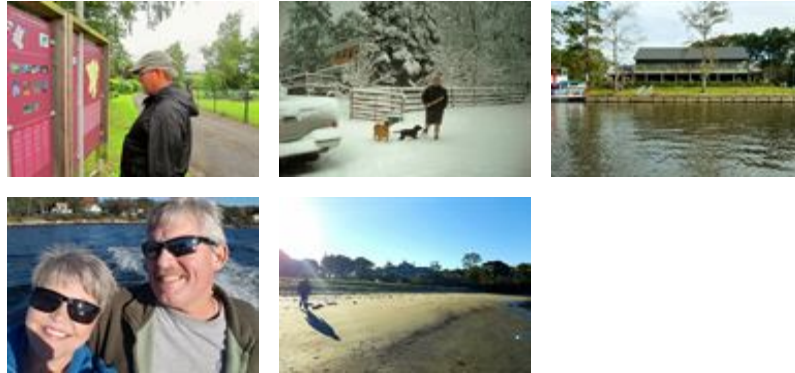
“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Poland.*



August 30, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 30, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Jeanette Hall lit a candle in memory of *Michael Ray Poland*



Jeanette Hall - August 29, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Michael Ray Poland*.



August 29, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Poland.



August 29, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ Mike and Ricky Poland and I lived in the same "hood" at LONGVIEW DRIVE and BLACKNALL Drive in Henderson during the first half of the 60's. My Sister Beth was in the same class with Mike at school. Steven Crim, Don and Judy Lowe, David and Martha Sue Harper, and Carl Don Kee, were just a few us kids that always had something going on. We'd wait for the School bus to pick us up in the Poland's front yard. We'd all come out when we heard the music from the Snow Cone truck coming up the street. Mike's brother Ricky and I ended up being in the same Ground School course to get our pilots license over at SHREVEPORT in 1976 and rode together over there once. Mike and Rick's grandparents, The Smarts, kept my Mother's yard for her over on Shawnee Trail for many years. Many events I hadn't thought about for ages until now.

**Jim Cowart** - August 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Poland.



August 29, 2020 at 01:38 AM

KS

“ Kenneth Starling lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland



Kenneth Starling - August 28, 2020 at 09:50 PM

SM

“ Sherri Mcfadden lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland



sherri mcfadden - August 28, 2020 at 09:29 PM

BH

“ Kinder-garden, little league baseball, 6 thru 12th grade, the loud laugh is time and memory I will have of Mike. My mom grew up next door to his mom and my dad worked with his dad for Hunt Oil and they were Gaston Red Devils. I have memories of playing at his folks house on Longview Dr. Remembering him telling me when they lived in Shawnee Village, the Anthony's lived next door and John always had a cooler of Jax beer in back of his truck and Mike said he would just help his self (at night). John told me later in years he knew Mike and his buddies were helping them self. (I bet you buddies remember that.) Have not seen Mike since 40 year class reunion, but he still had that laugh. My thoughts and prayer are with you Melanie, Jamie, Robert, other family members and friends at times like these. Brent Hale and Kathryn

Brent Hale - August 28, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland*



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**Carol Phillips Harris** - August 28, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *So sorry to hear the news about Mike. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Mike and I have been friends since the third grade and I will miss him.*

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**Steve Green** - August 28, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Connie Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland*



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**Connie Boatwright** - August 28, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ *Lisa Allen lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland*



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**Lisa Allen** - August 28, 2020 at 12:01 PM

David  
Duncan

“ *David Duncan lit a candle in memory of Michael Ray Poland*



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**David Duncan** - August 28, 2020 at 08:40 AM

GM

“ *Who can share just one memory of Mike Poland? We had too many great times. We chatted just last week and had planned to meet up. His last words to me will be understood by a few and held tight within our memory, “Four and no more”. One day, I’ll see you on the other side. My condolences to all. Gregg Moore*

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**gregg moore** - August 27, 2020 at 09:30 PM