



## Michael G. Stroup

January 18, 1957 - July 3, 2023

Michael Gene Stroup, of Fort Gibson, born January 18, 1957 to Frank and Shirley Stroup, in Muskogee, OK passed July 3, 2023 in Muskogee, OK.

Mike married Cathy Kelly on February 21, 1976 in Muskogee, OK and started a family making memories for the next 47 years. He lived in Muskogee until 1996, then moved and settled in Fort Gibson, OK. Mike served his country in the National Guard for 6 years from 1982 to 1988. Mike enjoyed the outdoors and would go camping and hiking to see all of Mother Nature. He liked to scuba dive to see what wonders lurked under the water. Sometimes, Mike just liked to go fast, so he would climb on his motorcycle and go for a ride. Above all, Mike was devoted to his faith. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and loved the Lord. The evidence was acted out through serving in his community, like collecting and handing out food at the Food Pantry at St. Joseph or helping with collection and presenting the gifts at Mass. Loving the Lord first always meant that family, friends and people meant the most to him.

Mike was preceded in death by his father. He is lovingly survived by his wife, Cathy Stroup, of the home, daughter, Whitney Stroup and husband, James Eccles of Atlanta, GA, Mother, Shirley and step-father, Charlie Tegarden of Neosho, MO; sisters, Debbie and husband Byron DeSerisy of Lowell, AR, Melissa Taulbee of Fort Gibson, and many nieces and nephews.

Family will be accepting friends for a visitation 5PM -7PM Friday July 7, 2023 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Gibson, OK.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held 10AM Saturday July 8, 2023 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Muskogee, OK with Father Richard Cristler officiating.

The Family of Michael Stroup has entrusted the care, cremation and services to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, 918-478-2555. Online condolences may be left at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in Michael's name to the Catholic Charities of Muskogee.

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

JUL 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)  
1224 E Poplar St  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2555

## Celebration on Life Mass

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
323 N Virginia  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Mary Faruqi lit a candle in memory of Michael Stroup*



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**Mary Faruqi** - July 10, 2023 at 04:49 PM

JL

“ *Judy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael G. Stroup.*

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**Judy L.** - July 07, 2023 at 04:14 PM

MT

“ Mike was the kindest, most generous, loving man I have ever known.

*My brother taught me how to scuba dive, knee board, water ski and anything else to do with the water as a kid. Mike gave me the love of water and my favorite movie Jaws to this day. He loved his movies lol*

*Mike showed me unconditionally that love isn't about being earned but that it is given freely without anything in return. He was a true man of God through his actions daily. His positive attitude and smile was contagious.*

*He never slowed down and always showed up with an attitude that was unstoppable .*

*He was strong, tough, caring and compassionate, a combo that most people can't accomplish together.*

*The world has lost a bright light and the heavens gained an angel.*

*I will carry you in my heart daily and your love.*

*You will be forever missed, I love you.*

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**Melissa Taulbee** - July 07, 2023 at 02:05 PM

MT

“ Melissa Taulbee lit a candle in memory of Michael Stroup



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**Melissa Taulbee** - July 07, 2023 at 01:50 PM

MT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Taulbee - July 07, 2023 at 01:49 PM

GM

“ Mike was my best friend we went suba diving and hunting and fishing together. When I was sick he visited me at the hospital with wife Catherine. I couldn't ask for better friends. I will missed Mike he was man love his family and his God

George Martin - July 06, 2023 at 09:10 PM

BC

“ Our loss is Heavens gain!  
Rest in peace my friend.



Bob Conley - July 06, 2023 at 02:38 PM

DP

“ Dana Payne lit a candle in memory of Michael Stroup



Dana Payne - July 06, 2023 at 02:33 PM

EC

“ Eugene Conrad lit a candle in memory of Michael Stroup



Eugene Conrad - July 06, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael G. Stroup.

July 06, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael G. Stroup.



July 06, 2023 at 10:30 AM

SD

“ I went to school with Mike and I also worked with him at Brockway. He was always so nice. Sending Prayer to the Family.



Stacy Dunn - July 05, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael G. Stroup.*



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July 05, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *My dear brother was a loving, kind, and a protective person. When I called him needing help he never hesitated! When we were young he made sure no one hurt me. He took the time to come and see me. He will be deeply missed but I'll see him again in heaven. He's still watching out for me now as a guardian angel and will always be.*  
*Sis*



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**Deborah DeSerisy** - July 05, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Mike, our families have been linked all our lives, but I've only really gotten to know you since we reconnected through RCIA. Since then, Dora and I have had the great pleasure to get to know and be a part of your family as it grew. Through love and loss you've been there with us. Gonna miss you Cuz!*

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**Brad Gibson** - July 05, 2023 at 03:55 PM

SK

“ Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of Michael Stroup



Stephanie Keeton - July 05, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael G. Stroup.



July 04, 2023 at 07:52 PM

JD

“ We were so sorry to learn of Cousin Mike's death. I remember our family visiting with Mike, Debbie, Aunt Shirley, and Uncle Frank each summer in the 1960's when we traveled to Oklahoma to see extended family. I always looked forward to seeing him because he was kind, caring, and a lot of fun. Rest in peace, dear cousin. I'll pray for you and light a candle.



Julie Goodman Dojahn - July 04, 2023 at 07:48 PM

JA

Such a wonderful person and faithful Catholic. Love his family and praying for his soul and comfort for the family. Pease be with you Mike.

Judy Antonioni - July 05, 2023 at 02:18 PM

BG

“ 2 files added to the album *The good old days*



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**Brad Gibson** - July 04, 2023 at 04:52 PM