



Mike Puckett

June 8, 1948 - June 3, 2024

Calvin Michael “Mike” Puckett of Gray, GA, died Monday, June 3, 2024, at the age of 75.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Puckett, sister Betty Dianne Puckett, children Christa McMillian (John), Chris Puckett (Kerry), Justin Tyler (Bri), Jason Tyler (Jessica), Jamie Couch (Ross), Chandler Puckett, and Caitlyn Puckett, as well as 17 grandchildren: John McMillian (Cheyenne), Jake McMillian (Carson), Josh McMillian (Carin), Micah Puckett, Campbell Puckett, Hagan Lane Tyler, Ellie McMillian, Joe McMillian, Amelia Tyler, Ariel Tyler, Garrett Tyler, Jaiden Minatee, Korey Head, Karter Head, Grady Tyler, Henry Loyd Couch, and Windell Robert Couch.

He was preceded in death by his mother Betty Sue Lloyd Puckett and his father Calvin Monroe Puckett.

Over the last 50+ years, Mike wore many hats in the Milledgeville, Gray, and Eatonton communities, most notably as Big Mike, serving as head of security and general manager at Cowboy Bills, with a tenure of 30 years. Anyone who visited Cowboy Bills knew and loved the man in the black jacket and cowboy hat who was always close by for any situation. When the family traveled on trips and vacations many would recognize the familiar face then the mention of that infamous Black Jacket and Cowboy Hat would trigger the response

“Big Mike, Cowboy Bills, Milledgeville GA”. Noted for his fairness in handling situations that would arise and for his compassionate nature he was loved and respected by all.

Mike was born on June 8, 1948, to Calvin and Betty Sue Puckett. He was a 1966 graduate of Georgia Military College Prep High School in Milledgeville, GA, where he was a standout athlete in football and baseball, earning a scholarship to play football collegiately at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in Chattanooga, TN. He also earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education with a Minor in History from Georgia College in Milledgeville.

After college, Mike “Coach” Puckett taught and/or coached at GMC Prep and the Gatewood School, winning multiple state championships as a football and baseball coach while molding young people into productive citizens through education and athletics. Mike also spent several years working for the Department of Corrections, C&H Housing, and Little Fishing Creek Golf Course. He was truly a staple of the local communities.

Services for Calvin Mike Puckett are scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024, at 11 AM at Williams Funeral Home, 1670 N. Jefferson Street, Milledgeville. Visitation will be Thursday night from 5 PM to 7 PM, also at Williams Funeral Home. The family will accept drop-in visitors at 656 Luke Smith Road in Gray on Wednesday night starting at 5 PM.

Cemetery Details

West View Cemetery

200 Ernest Byner St
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
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Funeral Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Mike Puckett



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - June 07, 2024 at 12:53 PM

KC

Big Mike left many fond memories Praying for Lynn and his family

Karen Coffing - June 07, 2024 at 12:23 PM

LP

Can't help but put "Coavh"Puckett because that's what he'll always be to me. His impact on myself and many others was tremendous. He taught me to always give your best and then some.He will be missed but not forgotten. I want to thank his family for sharing him with A bunch of adolescents .

Lee Brian Padove - June 08, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ Not that I frequented Cowboy Bill's a lot, I do remember Mike & what a great job he did there. I feel certain he'll be missed by everyone who crossed paths with him. My thoughts & prayers are with Mike's wife, children & grandchildren.

Alice Hunnicutt - June 11, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *Alice Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Mike Puckett*



Alice Hunnicutt - June 11, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *KAREN EASTWOOD lit a candle in memory of Mike Puckett*



KAREN EASTWOOD - June 10, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ *What a great guy! Baldwin and Putnam County will not be the same without Mike! He was a kind helpful and sincere person. May his family be comforted by The Father and by the outpouring of memories and comments on this site. RIP Mike. ❤️ 🙏*

carol Anne Rogers Lewis - June 08, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Mike's passing. I knew him from Cowboy Bills. He was always friendly and spoke whenever he saw you. My condolences to the family and friends.*



Faye Moore - June 06, 2024 at 09:14 PM

WH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Coach Puckett. As we get older, we realize that there were certain people that had a positive influence on us for the rest of our lives. Coach Puckett was one of those people for me. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Boney Hardie

Wayne Hardie - June 06, 2024 at 08:55 PM

DB

“ My condolences to family and friends.



Debbi Batchelor - June 06, 2024 at 08:51 PM

LD

“ Lots of memories of Mike. We grew up together and played sports together from little league through high school. One great memory will always be going to Mikes grandparents; Mr and Mrs Loyd, little cafe after practice and eating peach or apple turn overs. Mike always had a big heart and was a nice man. My sincere condolences to the family..Larry Davis

Larry Davis - June 06, 2024 at 05:38 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - June 06, 2024 at 03:44 PM

LC

“ Lisa Castillo lit a candle in memory of Mike Puckett



Lisa Castillo - June 06, 2024 at 03:36 PM

SW

“ Prayers to you Lynn and all the family,so many many memories running thru my mind,we had sum great times and I'm glad I was a part of Mikes journey and Big Mike to show ya how much I luv ya this is a one and ONLY time I will say this,just for you my friend,Roll Tide! R.I.P. my friend!!!💔😞

Scott Woodall - June 06, 2024 at 03:26 AM

JS

“ James Snellgrove lit a candle in memory of Mike Puckett



James Snellgrove - June 05, 2024 at 09:51 PM

CS

“ Coach Puckett was my favorite coach for this small ninth grader starting GMC. He was both compassionate, professional and supportive. When we had to run the 100 yard dash, this pre-pubescent boy had this larger than life man running right beside me motivating me to do my best. He’s the reason I went on to play many sports and later become an elite athlete in martial arts. He helped me realize I was capable of anything, and I’ll never forget him. I pray his family finds the peace that passes all understanding in the days to come.

Cliff Scott - June 05, 2024 at 04:13 PM

CW

“ Coach Mike was a great defensive football coach. Later, he sold homes while I was at Horton Homes and did a great job! Good man!

Chip Walker - June 05, 2024 at 03:07 PM

CH

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. Mike was an outstanding coach who shaped discipline, work ethic, and tenacity.

Craig Harris - June 05, 2024 at 01:08 PM

SS

“ Sara Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mike Puckett



Sara Sanders - June 05, 2024 at 01:03 PM

HN

“ Prayers for Mike’s family and host of friends! He touched so many and certainly will be missed. RIP!



Henry/Phyllis Nelson - June 05, 2024 at 11:53 AM

BL

“ I will miss my friend

bob lytle - June 05, 2024 at 10:45 AM

RW

“ Condolences go out to the family. Mike was a great man to everyone.

Ray Woodall - June 05, 2024 at 10:32 AM

LC

“ The family are in my Prayers. Yes I remember Mr. Mike from Cowboy Bills and i worked with him late on at C and H Housing. He was a very nice and funny man. He will be missed .

linda cheeves - June 05, 2024 at 10:11 AM

SB

“ Thoughts and prayers for Mike’s family.

Sonny & Patsy Bass - June 05, 2024 at 09:55 AM

Jl

“ RIP, Mike...you will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Judy Ivey - June 05, 2024 at 09:32 AM

YV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Puckett family.

Yvonne Vasser - June 05, 2024 at 07:20 AM

JH

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of our coach and more importantly our friend.

Johnny Holmes

Johnny Holmes - June 05, 2024 at 06:33 AM

MS

“ Praying for the family I knew Mike for a long time I used to babysit his kids and work for his mom at the daycare Rip Mike you with be missing and not forget 🥹🙏

Marie spivey - June 05, 2024 at 05:19 AM

MS

“ Marie spivey lit a candle in memory of Mike Puckett



Marie spivey - June 05, 2024 at 05:15 AM

JF

“ Prayers for the family. I knew the family real well in 50s and 60s. Wonderful family.
Janet Pennington Ferguson

janet P Ferguson - June 04, 2024 at 10:18 PM

PD

“ Mike always had a smile to share. My Mother, Louise Gilligan, a resident at Lynn Haven, always enjoyed spending time talking to Mike. He was very kind to her and he will be missed by many of the residents at Lynn Haven.

Pam Deese - June 04, 2024 at 10:04 PM

DW

“ Sorry to here about Mike. My memory of him was in the 7th Grade at City Elementary. We lost touch after that. I assume we both went to Baldwin but later I went to GMC. May he Rest in Peace.

Donald Weaver - June 04, 2024 at 09:16 PM

JT

“ Lots of great memories of Mike at Cowboy Bills, Jimmy Thigpen

Jimmy Thigpen - June 04, 2024 at 08:51 PM

GJ

“ Our condolences to his family , Mike was A good man , we have wonderful memories of him back in the day at Cowboys . Prayers 🙏
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george and judy johnson - June 04, 2024 at 07:55 PM

AC

“ Oh my heart. I am so saddened to hear of this. I am praying for y'all in this time of need

Allison Chance - June 04, 2024 at 07:13 PM

SD

“ Shannon Decker lit a candle in memory of Mike Puckett



Shannon Decker - June 04, 2024 at 06:57 PM

FL

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mike, he was a sweet man. Always enjoyed talking to him at Cowboy Bills he was one of a kind and he will be missed. He was a friend to all that knew him. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Big Mike



Fay Leverett - June 04, 2024 at 06:14 PM

TS

“ We will miss you big Mike. SO very much. Fair winds and following seas, my friend.

Tommy scott - June 04, 2024 at 05:49 PM

AF

“ *Deepest condolences to your family, sending prayers.*



Alicia Floyd - June 04, 2024 at 05:44 PM

PD

“ *So sorry to hear about Mikes passing, my thoughts and prayers for the family at this time*



Patsy Dalton - June 04, 2024 at 05:42 PM

LC

“ *The family are in my thoughts and Prayers Mr. Puckett was a very sweet gentlemen*

linda cheeves - June 04, 2024 at 05:35 PM