



Michael Wayne Burroughs

March 8, 1958 - October 15, 2025

After a doggedly courageous and inspirational 20-month battle with pancreatic and liver cancer, Michael Wayne Burroughs passed away on October 15, 2025. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 38 years, Teri Burroughs, stepson Casey Nelson, and daughter in law Aysun Nelson and countless friends who cherished him. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mabrie Vickery.

Born on March 8, 1958, Mike grew up in both southern and northern Atlanta. His mother, Mabrie Vickery, was his rock and inspiration, helping shape the person he became. Mike graduated from Roswell High School, where he played basketball and served as editor of the student newspaper. He went on to attend the University of Georgia and earned a journalism degree from Georgia State University.

Mike's passion for journalism began early. While still in high school, he worked as a stringer for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. During his six-year career in newspapers, he served as sports editor for the Marietta Daily Journal and received numerous AP and UPI awards for his work.

He found his true calling at the A.L. Williams Company, which would later become Primerica. Starting as managing editor in the publications department, Mike advanced to vice president of communications and ultimately to executive vice president of marketing, communications, and

training. He worked closely with ALW founder Art Williams, whom he considered a mentor, producing many print and video presentations for conventions attended by tens of thousands of sales leaders. Mike's most valued accomplishment was the many relationships he formed throughout his career. In September 2025, he was inducted into the Primerica Wall of Fame, the Company's highest honor.

Work fueled Mike's passion for travel. He and his wife Teri especially enjoyed exploring Hawaii's islands and California's coastline, which he augmented with scores of sports-related sojourns.

Mike was a devoted fan of all Atlanta sports teams, but his greatest loyalty was to the Georgia Bulldogs. He was a longtime season-ticket holder for the Atlanta Braves and Georgia football, basketball, and baseball programs. His devotion to the Bulldogs knew no bounds. Mike missed very few football, baseball, or basketball games. Mike was also a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Cubs and watched their games on television regularly.

Since 1968, Mike was an avid collector of sports memorabilia. His impressive collection of Major League Baseball and Georgia sports items reflected his lifelong passion for athletics. He proudly showcased his collection in "The Shrine," a space dedicated to his love of sports. Most recently, he completed a book and accompanying film about his storied collection, with each item holding a unique and fascinating backstory.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 2pm at Alpharetta Methodist Church. Interment will be held following the service at Green Lawn Cemetery and all are welcome. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 5-7pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors.

Contributions in Mike's memory may be made to:

The Kirby Smart Family Foundation: To be champions in our community by

supporting and giving back to needy children and families facing adversity.
706-357-7129 https://athensareacf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=2287

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta: For more than 100 years, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has been a trusted leader in caring for kids. With community support, Children's manages more than 1 million patient visits, serving families from all 159 counties in Georgia and every income level. 404-785-5437
https://give.choa.org/site/Donation2?df_id=1480&mfc_pref=T&1480.donation=form1&s_src=MAIN1

furkids: To rescue hundreds of homeless cats each year that are in need of caring, lifelong homes. 770-613-0880 <https://furkids.org/destination-furkids-donate/>

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
info@northsidechapel.com

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Alpharetta Methodist Church
69 N Main St
Alpharetta, GA 30009
(770) 475-5576

Tribute Wall

ND

“ Nick and Kim D’Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Burroughs.

Nick and Kim D’Allen - October 22, 2025 at 04:38 PM

ND

“ Nick and Kim D’Allen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



Nick and Kim D’Allen - October 22, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AS

“ Amanda Schwarz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Burroughs.

Amanda Schwarz - October 22, 2025 at 12:36 PM

AS

“ Amanda Schwarz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



Amanda Schwarz - October 22, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.*



October 21, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ *The Cherry Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.*



The Cherry Family - October 21, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.*



October 21, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *David and Vicky Siegel purchased the Full Heart for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.*



David and Vicky Siegel - October 21, 2025 at 10:02 AM

DW

“ David and Caroline Williamson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Burroughs.

David and Caroline Williamson - October 21, 2025 at 07:03 AM

DW

“ David and Caroline Williamson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



David and Caroline Williamson - October 21, 2025 at 07:03 AM

TF

“ The Albright Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Burroughs.

The Albright Family - October 20, 2025 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ The Albright Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



The Albright Family - October 20, 2025 at 08:36 PM

DF

“ I got to know Mike, The Animal, back in the ALW days. It was always great traveling with he and Teri seeing the world together! So many great memories! Mike left us way too soon! Hadn't seen Mike in years but I remember all our Good Times very vividly. Our prayers are with Teri and all the family. 🙏🙏🙏
Deron Ferrell

Deron Ferrell - October 20, 2025 at 08:35 PM

CL

“ Cathy laffoon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Burroughs.

Cathy laffoon - October 20, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



October 20, 2025 at 07:25 PM

LF

“ Love The Entire MIG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Burroughs.

Love The Entire MIG Family - October 20, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



October 20, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ Love, Mona Laffoon and family. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



Love, Mona Laffoon and family. - October 20, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Linda Bays Powers purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Wayne Burroughs.



Linda Bays Powers - October 20, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ Sherrie Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Wayne Burroughs



Sherrie Watson - October 20, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JF

“ Mike was always larger than life to me. He was a Primerica Icon and was a superstar among the employees. However, when I first met Mike he was the most personable and friendly person I think I've ever met. I considered him a good friend even though he was still larger than life to me because of all he had done in Primerica.
John Frady

John Frady - October 20, 2025 at 09:18 AM

KC

Mike had a way of making you feel you could accomplish anything. He was large in stature and in vision. Mike was so "down to earth" and hands on that I had known him for a while before I realized that he helped to create the narrative of Primerica. He was one of the first to show support for the uniqueness and multiplicity of Primerica agents and made everyone feel like superstar including me. He is a legend that will live on in Primerica!

Kameelah Cutliff - October 20, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JB

Mike was a wonderful human being and great friend. I am so glad I knew him . He will be missed by so many. Joe Bruckner

Joe Bruckner - October 20, 2025 at 05:49 PM