



Michael Whitener

March 18, 1948 - February 19, 2011

Mr. Michael Kimball Whitener, age 62 of Spanish Fort, AL died Saturday, February 19, 2011 in Calhoun, GA. He was born in Dalton, GA on March 18, 1948, son of the late Kimball and Doris Pinson Whitener.

Mr. Whitener was a veteran, serving his country in the US Army. He was employed by Masland Carpets in Atmore, AL as Technical Director.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Aida "Ronnie" Whitener; a son, Michael D. Whitener and his wife Cindy of Woodstock, GA; a daughter, Karen M. Whitener-Steely and her husband Lynn of Calhoun, GA; a sister, Jackie Couch and her husband Jim of Gaffney, SC; and grandchildren, Cameron Whitener, Ryan Whitener, Breanna Steely, and Jacob Steely. Cousins, nephews, nieces, aunts and uncles, and other extended family members also survive.

Mr. Whitener's body will be cremated and there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions are made in Mr. Whitener's name to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be expressed and the guest book signed at www.maxbrannonandsons.com. Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home of Calhoun, GA, a legacy of compassion and care, is in charge of arrangements for Mr. Michael Kimball Whitener, age 62 of Spanish Fort, AL

Tribute Wall

JP

“Ronnie and family, I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I had the privilege of working with Mike at Masland as the DuPont Tech Service Rep and later as the Invista TSR until I retired. Mike was such a pleasure to be around. Even when there were difficult problems he was a gentleman. He was so skilled & knowledgeable, fair, always trustworthy and so conscientious. In my book he was a "gem" of an individual, but more than that he was my friend and I will miss him.

Jim Patterson - March 18, 2011 at 04:38 PM

VR

“Ronnie, You are in our thoughts. Glenn thought so much of you guys, he often said Mike was like a father figure to him. Glenn Cauley & Vickie

Vickie Ryder - March 08, 2011 at 12:45 PM

DF

“Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Don, Annette, & Family

Donald, Annette Nall & Family - March 04, 2011 at 06:01 PM

SN

“To Mike's Family: My deepest sympathy to all of you in your loss. Mike & I were classmates @ DHS graduating in 1966. My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family.

Sandra Newberry - March 01, 2011 at 03:18 PM

PW

“ I am very thankful I got to work with a man that had the knowledge Mike did. He cannot be replaced. Mike cared about his job and the people he worked with .He knew his job and the people that worked with Mike knew this. When Mike told you something you knew he was right. Mike was honest, trustworthy, moral, kind and a man you could depend on. I only wish I could have told him.

Patsy Weekly - February 28, 2011 at 04:48 PM

BM

“ Farewell to you Michael, rest in peace.

Betty Marin - February 27, 2011 at 05:09 PM

GB

“ Ronnie, Michael and Karen, We are deeply saddened for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. Gary, Clydene, Lee and Craig

Gary and Clydene Brock - February 25, 2011 at 08:04 PM

BR

“ My condolences to my sister Aida, my niece and family , my nephew Mike and family and to all of my brother-in-law Mikes rest of the family I have never met. Mike Sr. was a special brother-in-law who was kind, considerate, very thoughtful, loving and it just saddens me that he left us so abruptly but the Bible does give us hope and confidence in the resurrection. John 5:28,29. He will truly be missed.

Beatrice Rodriguez - February 25, 2011 at 02:47 PM

CB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Mike was a very special man. Mike was a playmate and good friend to me growing up. He was a very good friend to my brother Benny and my cousin Buddy. We was neighbors of Mike, Jackie, Doris and Kimball for at least 18 years. The whole family were all very special to us. My Mother stayed in touch with Doris after they moved away from Dalton until shortly before her death. I would love to get in touch with Jackie. I hope all the good memories that you have will help ease your pain. May God keep his arms wrapped around you. In Sincere Sympathy, Carol Law Byers

Carol Law Byers - February 25, 2011 at 09:16 AM

DH

“ So shocked to hear about Mike! You and your family will always be special to me and my heart breaks for you all. You will be in my prayers.

Debbie Hogshead - February 24, 2011 at 09:45 AM

MG

“ Ronnie - I don't know if you remember me, we worked together at Calhoun Computer/Barcoding America for Mickey and Hal Gosnell. I've thought about you often over the years. I just wanted to say how very sorry I am for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. - Mary

Mary Garrison - February 23, 2011 at 11:39 PM

AF

“ Mike was a terrific leader, an inspiring mentor, and a delight to know and work with. He will be sorely missed and our prayers go out to this wonderful man's family.

Arthur Fowler - February 23, 2011 at 06:52 PM

CR

“ Mike became a part of our family when I was just a child. Sadly, we saw very little of each other after my teenage years. I mostly regret that we never got to converse as adults and that he never met my grown children. They would have liked each other, I am sure. I will always remember my brother-in-law as a kind, soft-spoken person with a big heart and a sound mind. The South has definitely lost an honorable son. RIP beloved brother-in-law.

Caroline Rodriguez - February 23, 2011 at 06:07 PM

DM

“ I have worked closely with Mike since his beginning days at Masland. He is one of the kindest people I have ever met. He was so happy to be back at work after his surgery last year. I am so sorry for your loss. I am confident he is in heaven now looking down on you. Remain strong for you will see your beloved Mike once again. God Bless You! David Maynes

David Maynes - February 23, 2011 at 06:07 PM

BR

“ I have so many heartfelt memories of Mike. He was like a dad to me when I was younger and became a dear friend as I got older. I will miss our conversations, laughter, and love that we shared. He was one of the few people that I can truly say was an honest person with such amazing integrity. I am so proud to have had him and his influence in my life. He will be greatly missed!
My thoughts, prayers, and love are with you Ronnie, Karen, and Michael. May you find the comfort and strength that you need in your family, friends, and memories during this time. Don't hesitate to call.

Barbara Reid - February 23, 2011 at 05:15 PM

TS

“Karen, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything know that I am here for you and don't hesitate to ask.
Love, Tina

Tina Silvers - February 23, 2011 at 04:08 PM

AK

“To the family of Michael Whitener. I was one of the nurses caring for Mr Whitener while he was at Thomas Hospital. I am so sorry for your loss. I am glad to have been a part of your lives for the short time you were here. May God Bless you all.

Alex Kelley - February 23, 2011 at 03:01 PM

JL

“To Mike's family: I worked with Mike at Masland and he was a wonderful, patient and giving man who always made time to help others. He was generous and gracious and helped me many times with difficult orders. I will miss his steady and unflappable personality.

John Long - February 23, 2011 at 11:31 AM

AG

“Working with you has been my honor-my love and prayers goes out to your family from my family

Amanda Godwin - February 23, 2011 at 12:04 AM

DG

“ I am sorry for your loss. Mike will be missed. He was a good, hard working man. He always took the time to stop and talk, whether it be about work, personal, or family. I will miss the talks we used to have. Prayers to the family of Mike.

David Gulsby - February 22, 2011 at 09:28 PM

MR

“ We send our sincere condolences to the Whitner family. Mike was a good man and will be greatly missed. Paulette Overstreet, Clarence House, Laura Gulsby, Norma Hall, Patti Chavies and Eugenia Etheridge.

Masland- Tufting Repair - February 22, 2011 at 09:20 PM

CD

“ Mike was initially one of my bosses at Masland Carpets. He expected a lot of his employees but HE also expected a lot from himself. My prayers go out to the family for your loss. A WORD OF COMFORT: Thank God for giving us the ability to remember. If we use it, we can enjoy our loved ones forever.

Chrissey Daniels - February 22, 2011 at 07:28 PM

TM

“ Thoughts and prayers to your family. Mike Whitener was a very strong, dedicated leader, whom I had the honor of working with. I have not been at Masland for some years now, but it saddens me to know that Mr. Whitener has departed. Please know that he is well thought of. Prayers for the family and friends.

Tessie Emmons Mendoza - February 22, 2011 at 05:35 PM

JS

“Ronnie, I dont know if you remember me, but I worked with Mike at SEastern/Ft Mtn....I was in the office a Ft Mtn. I am so sorry about Mike. I did know he had been sick. Mike was a wonderful person and he loved his family with all his heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you and yours.
Janeece Springfield Chatsworth, Ga

JANEECE SPRINGFIELD - February 22, 2011 at 03:49 PM

LP

“Michael, we are certainly sorry to hear that you Father passed away.

Larry and Carole Putman - February 22, 2011 at 02:36 PM

TM

“I pray that God be with you Ms Whitener and your family. Your husband was a good man and a hard working one. I will truly miss him. Mike was a good boss and a good mentor. Be bless.

tonia moorer - February 22, 2011 at 02:02 PM

KP

“My deepest sympathy. So sorry for your loss. God Bless you all.

Keith Parrott - February 22, 2011 at 02:00 PM

LT

“Mom and I are so sad over Mike's passing. Even though we didn't see each other much in the last few years, we've always had a special love for you and your family. He was one special cousin. Please keep in touch and if there's anything we can do let me know.
Love Janelle & Rainey

Laraine Teasley - February 22, 2011 at 01:37 PM

TK

“ *WE would like to express our sincere sympathy. We have fond memories of your time in Chatsworth.*

Tommy and Mary Nathan Kendrick

Tommy Kendrick - February 22, 2011 at 12:42 PM

MR

“ *Though Travis is away on military orders, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers everyday. Love to all!*

Margaret Thigpen & Travis Russell - February 22, 2011 at 12:42 PM

BH

“ *Mike was a great friend and an extraordinary fellow associate at Masland Carpets and I will miss him deeply. Over the 16 years we worked together we shared many hours together, talking about our hopes for our families, our work and our plans for the future. During his life, Mike touched many people's lives, enriching them with his knowledge and his friendship. I was very fortunate to be one of them.*

Bill and Mary Hamilton - February 22, 2011 at 12:20 PM

TG

“ *Mike will surely be missed by all. I only worked with Mike for a very short time at Masland but know he thought a lot of his family and friends. Very sorry to hear of this loss.*

Todd Grant and Family

Todd Grant - February 22, 2011 at 10:07 AM

JS

“ *May God comfort the family. In our thoughts and prayers. Janice Styron and Linda Williamson*

Janice Styron - February 21, 2011 at 10:49 PM

JJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss and we are praying for your family.
GOD Bless You All.

JEFF JOHNSON - February 21, 2011 at 10:25 PM

LN

“ Our prayers are with you from THE NERO FAMILY

lashirley nero - February 21, 2011 at 10:20 PM

LC

“ Sorry for your lost and ours. Mike will be truly missed here at
Masland.

Lisa & Paul Chapman - February 21, 2011 at 09:59 PM

MM

“ •May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared,
comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Mildred McKenzie - February 21, 2011 at 09:32 PM

MJ

“ Our prayers are with you and your family.

martha Johnson - February 21, 2011 at 08:42 PM

DC

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Mike was a very good man and will
be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Whitener
family in this difficult time.

David Carter - February 21, 2011 at 08:34 PM

JF

“ Our most sincere condolences during this difficult time. It was a honor to have known Mike he was a true gentleman, friend and leader to all who crossed his path. They dont make many like Mike.

John Frink - February 21, 2011 at 07:14 PM

AG

“ Many prayers are going up for the family of Mike Whitener.I pray God to give you peace and strength during this difficult time. He was one of the most sincere people I ever met. Always willing to help, advise and guide whenever needed. He often spoke of how proud he was of his family. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren. He will be missed! RIP MIKE

Angie Garrett - February 21, 2011 at 06:13 PM

LH

“ Ronnie, it was a true honor to have known Mike and had him as a business associate and friend. Mike, Buddy, you will be missed.

Lynn Hammontree - February 21, 2011 at 04:42 PM

ME

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Mike passing. Mike was one of the best guys I know. He was always willing to share his knowledge and help with any request. You are in our prayers.

Marc Ellis - February 21, 2011 at 04:20 PM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of mike's passing. There was not a finer gentleman in the carpet industry!

Chris - February 21, 2011 at 03:11 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was an absolute joy to work with. He was always so kind and generous. He will be missed by all of us at Masland. May God be with you during this difficult time.

Kelly Rushing - February 21, 2011 at 03:09 PM

LJ

“ Ronnie,Michael,Karen and families
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike was such a nice person,a very hard worker and great leader, he will surely be missed at Masland.
Thinking of you,
Linda Jones Production Planning/Masland

Linda Jones - February 21, 2011 at 03:05 PM

JJ

“ Mike was a good man and he will be missed. My condolences to his family, respectfully Joshua Jernigan.

Josh Jernigan - February 21, 2011 at 03:02 PM

GM

“ My prayers are with you at this most difficult time.Coming to work won't be the same, I will truly miss seeing mike everyday.

George Mcghee - February 21, 2011 at 02:48 PM

TM

“ We have you all in our prayers and Mike will be missed.

Tina Marchman - February 21, 2011 at 02:32 PM

AC

“ Mike was such a pleasure to work with. As one of his many reps., he displayed much needed patiences and knowledge. My thought and prayers are with all his love ones during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Mike.

Angela Collier - February 21, 2011 at 12:55 PM

JH

“ To Mike's Family, May God's peace be with you. We all in the carpet business have great respect for Mike and his carpet knowledge, we will miss him. To Mike's co- workers, Please keep the Whitener family in your prayers as we will do the same.

Jerry Hendricks - February 21, 2011 at 11:45 AM

LK

“ Mike was one of the most sincere men I have ever known. It was an honor to have been his friend and co-worker for many years. He will be greatly missed. I am praying for God's strength and peace to be with his family through this time of loss.

Lawana Knapp - February 21, 2011 at 09:40 AM

JU

“ To all of the Mike Whitener family know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of Mike. We have loss one fine Carpet Man, Father, Husband and for me to able to say a friend. Ronnie please let me know if you need anything from me.
Repectfully John Underwood

John Underwood - February 20, 2011 at 09:13 PM

AK

“ Michael and Karen,
I was so sorry to hear about your father. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I will be making a donation to the American Cancer Society on behalf of CHS Class of 1989 in honor of your father

Amber Clark Kinsey - February 20, 2011 at 09:02 PM

JJ

“ I would like to extend my condolences to Mike's family. I will miss him greatly. I truly enjoyed working with him.

Jeana James - February 20, 2011 at 07:23 PM

JG

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Mike will be missed so much...With love from the Sample Department at Masland Carpets.. Rod Taylor, Janet Gunn,Earl Garrett, Johnny Burkett,Anita Lambert, Tonia Moorner,Myles Johnson, & Jodi Hearst

Janet Gunn - February 20, 2011 at 03:47 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss Mike so much at work.He was the best boss/ leader anyone could ask for

Jodi Hearst - February 20, 2011 at 03:39 PM