



Clarence Michael Robison

February 2, 1951 - May 19, 2022

Clarence Michael Robison (Mike), age 71 of Tullahoma passed this life on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at his residence. No services are planned.

Mike was born on February 2, 1951 in Tullahoma to Clarence and Mavis Robison. He was preceded in death by his father in 2003 and his mother in 2021. Survivors include his sister Brenda Robison of Tullahoma, niece Kellie Felker (Eric) of Murfreesboro, TN and his precious pets, BeBo, Blackie and Skinny Kitty.

Mike graduated from Coffee County Central High School in 1969 and MTSU in 1973, 76 and 79 where he received his bachelors, masters, and specialist degrees in the field of education. He was a long-time educator for the Tullahoma City School System and served as a teacher and administrator from 1973-2003. During most of his career he held the position of principal at East Lincoln Elementary School.

As principal, Mike held a deep commitment to the children, families, and school community of East Lincoln Elementary. He was well known for his honesty, fairness, consistency, and dedication. He ran a tight ship; while showing support, empathy, and compassion. His students knew that he loved them and his high expectations for their success. Upon his retirement in 2003, the school playground was named the Clarence Michael Robison playground in his honor.

Following his retirement, he served as a Supervisor of Student Teachers for MTSU until 2014. Through this position, his knowledge and experience helped

many new teachers as they began their careers in education. During this time from 2003 to 2014, he also worked at Lowes of Tullahoma, where he dearly loved helping customers in the Garden Center. He was a talented landscaper and found much joy in sharing his love of plants and flowers, as well as great conversations, with all who came into the store.

Mike loved people and never met a stranger. He loved his family and friends and spending time with them. He loved animals and was known to pick up injured or deceased animals to give them empathetic care and/or a burial. He loved Coffee Country and Vanderbilt sports. He also loved Florida and trips to Daytona Beach. Mike was a long-time member of the Grundy Street Church of Christ. Mike also attended West Nashville Heights Church of Christ in Nashville for many years where he taught class and helped with youth events. He had so many friends there who are saddened at his passing.

In Mike's memory, please make any donations in his name to the Tullahoma Animal Shelter, 942 Maplewood Ave, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence Michael Robison

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ It is sad to hear of Mr. Robison’s passing, but I am sure heaven is Rejoicing! My family and I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. R for sometime as my mother, Jeanne Horton, taught under his strong leadership. I know she appreciated his “tight ship” leadership mentality. She felt supported and encouraged to develop and implement high-quality instruction because he trusted her decision-making and backed her if a challenge arose. Mr. R will be greatly missed as he was a founding member of the educational cornerstone established in this town. Until we all meet again,
Cheryl “Horton” Griggs <><
(Mrs. Jeanne Horton’s daughter)

Cheryl Horton Griggs - June 03, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ I loved working with Mike at Lowes. RIP Mike

Prayers for the family

Frieda Ayres

Frieda Ayres - June 01, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ All of my family loved Mike. He was a dear friend for many years. We are very sad about his passing and we wish comfort and peace to Brenda, Kellie and Eric.

Carol Russell - May 28, 2022 at 08:39 AM

MR

“ *Michael was my first cousin and truly did love people. He was easy going and enjoyed life. I will always love you Michael and and will miss you. 💔*

Melissa A Robison - May 27, 2022 at 09:33 PM

JP

“ *June Parker lit a candle in memory of Clarence Michael Robison*



June Parker - May 27, 2022 at 06:47 PM

ED

“ *My dad worked with Mike at East Middle School. Mike used to go with my family to Florida during the summers and camp. I still talk about those vacations with my family. My dad was fond of Mike. We used to “decorate” his classroom with UT cups when Tennessee beat Vandy in football. He was also my 6th grade teacher, which made it even more fun when we won the game. Rest In Peace Mr. Robinson.*

Evelyn Allen Derriso - May 27, 2022 at 06:18 PM

AR

“ *The years Mike gave to the community of Tullahoma made a very positive impact with all he interacted. Thank you for your caring dedication. You made a difference. Alice and Dera Risner*

Alice and Dera Risner - May 27, 2022 at 06:00 PM

AC

“ I didn't know Mike but I know his niece, Kellie Felker. I have heard of her love and dedication to Mike for many years and know that he is very important to Kellie and his family. I also know that he will be sorely missed. I am so sorry that I never had the opportunity to meet him but I know he was a wonderful man and touched many lives with his light.

amanda connor - May 27, 2022 at 04:02 PM

JE

“ Vince and I are so sad to learn of Mike's passing. Mike always had a kind word to say. Just know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jane and Vince Eggleston

Jane Eggleston - May 27, 2022 at 01:13 PM

FS

To Brenda and the rest of the family, what a sad loss to you all. I sure sympathize with you all today and in the future. I know the feeling of being alone...love you, Frances Simmons Manchester, TN

Frances Simmons - May 28, 2022 at 10:41 AM

CP

Mike Robison was my supervising teacher at East Middle School over 40 years ago when I was a student teacher. I have fond memories of his 6th grade class where he taught me that children learning proper behavior and citizenship was as important as learning their spelling words. I can truthfully say I learned more about teaching from being in his classroom than I ever did from a college textbook. Yes, he ran a tight ship and kept law and order which later made him a revered school principal. I went on to teach elementary school for over 30 years in another county, so I never had the opportunity to work with him. Though he supervised student teachers through MTSU after his retiring from the public school system, he reminded me that I was his very first student teacher.

I am so sorry to learn of his passing. His family is in my prayers.

Connie R. Partin - May 28, 2022 at 02:46 PM

RT

I had Mike as a principal at East Lincoln Elementary school I remember playing volleyball against him an all of the other teachers an he was a great guy an he taught me alot of things an I look up to him as a good friend an a great church friend I will miss him alot Ryan Thomas Tullahoma, TN

Ryan Thomas - May 28, 2022 at 09:55 PM