



Michael Leroy Harvey

December 7, 1948 - January 1, 2015

Funeral service for Michael L. Harvey, age 66, of Decatur, will be Sunday, January 4, 2015, 2:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wayne Penn and Rev. Clyde Ledlow officiating. The family will receive friends for two hours prior to service. Interment will be in Hartselle City Cemetery.

A retired Decatur City Police Sergeant, Michael L. Harvey, passed away on January 1, 2015, at Decatur Morgan Hospital. Sergeant Harvey was born on December 7, 1948, in Los Angeles, CA, to the late Pearl and Robert Harvey. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Harvey and Bob Harvey, and one sister, Carol Hall (Carl). In 1964, he moved to Alabama to live with his uncle and aunt, Will and Glenda Swanson, and is a graduate of Morgan County High School.

Mike enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1968. He joined the Decatur City Police Department in March of 1971.

During his 36 years with the DPD, he received numerous awards, such as the Decatur Optimist Club Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (1999), the Federal Bureau of Investigation Appreciation Certificate (1999), the NAMI 2006 Professional Law Enforcement Award, and the Morgan County Law Enforcement Award of Merit (2008). Officer Harvey rose to the rank of Sergeant and retired from the Decatur City Police Department in February of 2008.

Sergeant Harvey is survived by his wife, Linda, whom he met in 1973, while doing his civic duty, when he wrote her a citation for speeding; one daughter, Melissa Estes (Keith) of Hartselle; two grandchildren, Kaleb Estes and Kiersten Simpson (Doug); and two sisters, Bonnie Jordan of Decatur, and Linda Thurston of Rice Lake, WI.

Pallbearers will be the Decatur City Police Department Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to Gideons International, P. O. Box 5111, Decatur, AL 35601, the American Heart Association, or Hospice of the Valley.

Tribute Wall

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“ Friends and family of Mr. Harvey, Please accept my condolences. I did not personally know Mr. Harvey, but I am all too familiar with how difficult it is to lose a loved one. My hope is to share with you some information that will bring you comfort during this stressful and painful time. Like most people, you likely have your own ideas and opinions when it comes to religion and the Bible. Despite our various background, though, many of us wonder about the same things when it comes to death. For example, what happens to us when we die? Where are the dead right now? Will I ever see my loved ones again who I've lost? The Bible provides comforting answers that we can trust. While on earth, Jesus Christ taught about the resurrection and performed this miracle on a number of occasions and in front of countless eyewitnesses. Regardless of age, gender or circumstance, Jesus was able to raise the dead as easily as if he were awakening them for sleep. As he did while on earth, Jesus promises to once again raise the dead. This time it will be ""all those in the memorial tombs"" will be raised (John 5:28,29). This hope is held out to all our loved ones who've died. And how wonderful it will be to welcome them back. If you enjoy reading comforting articles that direct you to your own Bible, please feel free to visit www.jw.org for free information.



Teresa - January 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a fine man and a wonderful police officer. I pray that you find comfort and peace in the coming days, weeks and months.



Debbie Russell - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am so sorry at your loss. Sgt. Harvey was a true public servant. He helped me, as a young and green attorney, many many times. Even the jail inmates respected him. He was one of the kindest people I knew, but no one ever thought they could take advantage of him.



Denise Matthes Hill - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Linda and Melissa, I am deeply sorry for the loss of your husband/father. Mr. Harvey leaves a fine legacy. As you reminisce, may your many precious memories bring you solace. Be assured that Michael is tucked away in the memory of Almighty GOD too. May He console you with the positive hope of being reunited on a paradise earth free from all the causes of death. John 5:28,29; Revelation 21:3,4



Minnie Hemphill - January 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM