



## Michael Odell Maness

June 12, 1946 - June 29, 2024

Michael Odell Maness, a dedicated individual known for his work ethic and creative spirit, passed away on June 29, 2024, in Fayetteville, Georgia, at the age of 78. He was born on June 12, 1946, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Throughout his career, Michael served as an Operations Manager for Eastern Airlines. Beyond his professional endeavors, he found great joy in cooking and was particularly talented in the kitchen. His creativity shone through in his landscaping projects, showcasing his passion for beautifying spaces.

A devout member of Flat Creek Baptist Church and the Gideons, Michael's faith was an integral part of his life. Mr. Maness generously shared his culinary gifts by cooking for Wednesday night services for over a decade, serving over 100 people heartfelt meals prepared from scratch.

Michael is preceded in death by his brothers, Ronnie Maness and Jerry Maness, as well as his parents, Herman Odell Maness and Opal Lee Martin Maness. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Betsy Maness, his children Laura Hunt (Bruce) and Michael Shane Maness, granddaughter Katie Boles and husband John, and great-grandchildren Justus Boles and Maverick Boles. He is also survived by his sisters, Carol Whidden and husband Ed, and Glenda Knake and husband Henry.

A memorial service to honor Michael's life will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 11 o'clock at Flat Creek Baptist Church, with Dr. Josh Saefkow presiding over the ceremony. One hour prior to the service, a visitation will take place at the church.

Michael Odell Maness will be fondly remembered for his unwavering dedication to his work, his culinary talents, and his commitment to serving his community and church family. He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and creativity that will be cherished by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Flat Creek Baptist Church  
161 Flat Creek Trail  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

## Memorial Service

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Odell Maness*



Parrott Funeral Home - July 10, 2024 at 01:26 PM

JS

*Love you cousin Michael. Wonderful tribute! Judy*

Judy Smith - July 11, 2024 at 12:49 AM

CN

*Beautiful tribute.*

Chaplain Neely - July 17, 2024 at 06:32 PM



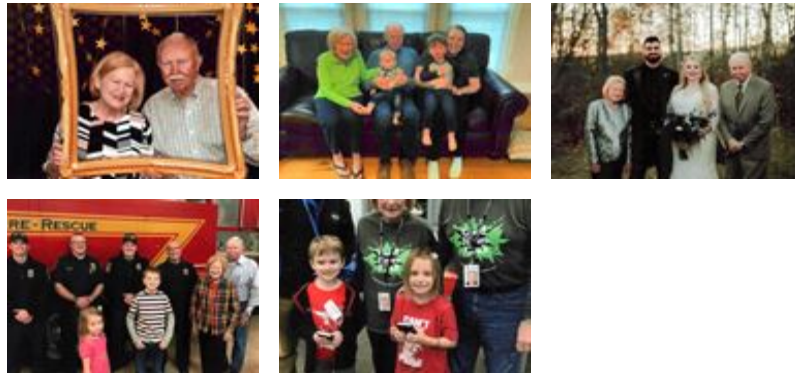
*Betsy, so sorry to hear of Michael's passing. I didn't know him personally, but I remember you talking about all his "handy" skills like making adirondack chairs.*

*My thoughts are with you.*

Ezra Cohen - August 24, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Parrott Funeral Home** - July 10, 2024 at 09:12 AM

GK

“ *Memories of my brother, Michael! So many come to mind-how he helped our parents as they became unable to help themselves. He was Executor of their estate and organized estate sales and the sale of two houses after our Dad died and Mother went into Assisted Living. He inherited the cooking genes in our family and used his gift to honor God by cooking Wednesday night meals at their church. He was a Gideon and studied the Bible and he and Betsy were Prayer Warriors. We shared a love of nature and he gave us the best gifts of plants, dried flowers, and pinecones. My heart is broken but I know he is in Heaven and we will be together again.*

*Glenda and Henry Knake*

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**Glenda Knake** - July 09, 2024 at 08:28 PM

WO

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Wendy Knake Osborne** - July 09, 2024 at 01:42 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Michael*



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**Wendy Knake Osborne** - July 09, 2024 at 01:38 PM

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**Wendy Knake Osborne** - July 09, 2024 at 01:35 PM

SW

“ *I was a friend and classmate of Mikes from Forest Park High School. He was such a nice person, quiet and kind of shy in school. He was always pleasant and had a warm smile. We are losing our dear friends way too soon and too often. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. May God bring you peace.*

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**Shirley Petty Wilkerson** - July 09, 2024 at 08:20 AM

WO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wendy Osborne - July 08, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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Michael Maness, Wendy (Knake) Osborne, Carole (Maness) Whiddon, Betsy Maness

Wendy Osborne - July 10, 2024 at 04:12 PM

NP

“ So sorry to hear about Mike's passing! We were in some classes together at Forest Park High School! Prayers for the family! 🙏

Nancy (Cook) Palmer - July 02, 2024 at 01:13 PM

TD

“ Another classmate gone before their time. Remember the Maness brothers at school and worked at Eastern with both.  
RIP old friend.  
Tim Durden  
FPSH  
Eastern Airlines

Tim Durden - July 02, 2024 at 06:38 AM

FG

“ Fausto & Marcia Gardini purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Michael Odell Maness.



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**Fausto & Marcia Gardini** - July 01, 2024 at 03:02 PM

JC

“ I worked at EAL with him. Friendly and helpful. Sorry to hear about his passing.

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**Jerry Chastain** - July 01, 2024 at 01:06 PM

LB

“ Betsy I am so sorry to hear about Michael. He ministered so faithfully and touched the hearts of so many people . Praying that the love of your family and friends will give you comfort during these days and the Love of Jesus will give you a peace that can only come from Him. Lots of love and prayers .

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**Linda Baxter** - June 30, 2024 at 02:04 PM

BM

Thank you so much Linda. We miss you and love you!

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**Betsy Maness** - July 18, 2024 at 11:20 AM

JS

“ Cousin Michael, you left this earth way too soon. Memories flash thru my mind of years back our vacations many years was visiting your family. 8 kids an 4 adults in one house. So much fun. I don't know how our parents stayed sane. Thankful I was taught family was all important an always as a adult glad to take time to visit you an the rest of family. I will miss seeing you on my trips to GA. An some good food you have prepared. Love an Prayers for your family that will miss you so as I will. Judy Smith

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**Judy Smith** - June 29, 2024 at 11:34 PM

AV

“ Michael was a very special person and we always enjoyed being with him and Betsy. We love pound cake and Michael could make the BEST!!! Made one for us to bring with us when we moved to Florida! Praying for you Betsy.  
Larry and Ann Verlander

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**Ann Verlander** - June 29, 2024 at 10:09 PM

YB

Betsy you and your family have my sincerest sympathy

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**Yvonne Mills Brittany** - July 02, 2024 at 09:30 PM

WO

Every memory of my family in Atlanta includes my Uncle Michael from the time I was a little girl until as recent as Jon-Paul's wedding. Seeing him was like seeing my grandparents, again. He became the patriarch of our family, like Grandpa, in leading us in prayer at every fellowship where he always provided a feast, much like Grandma. His passing changes the dynamic in our gatherings around the table. My heart is heavy with his loss, but I know where his eternal home is.

With much love,  
Wendy (Knake) Osborne

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**Wendy Osborne** - July 05, 2024 at 01:23 PM