



## Micheal Thomas Epperley

March 8, 1949 - August 19, 2024

Micheal Thomas Epperley, 75 of Blacksburg passed away peacefully on August 19, 2024, in the presence of his family and friends at the home he built with his own hands. He was born on March 8, 1949, to the late Luther Thomas and Mary Ruth Epperley. He never traveled far from them as he built his house next door to his parents where he resided his entire life. Though his body was frail and tired, his spirit was full of grateful appreciation to draw another determined breath every second he was graced on earth. He lived on his own terms and was happy to leave when the Lord called him into His eternal care. Up until the end his determined and positive outlook along with his keen sense of humor remained with him.

Mike was a successful business owner, one of the best heavy equipment operators around and an avid outdoorsman. He owned and operated Epperley Excavating and Landscaping for over 40 years. The first 30 years of the business was a family affair as he partnered with his father, Luther. Luther ran the backhoe and Mike ran the track loader and they were a team. After the passing of his father, Mike took over sole ownership and continued what he and his father began many years before. Often people would reference that his office was at the Deli Mart on Main Street. His beige color Chevrolet work truck would be parked in the lot and when you drove by most knew they should stop by because there had to be a great deal of laughs for everyone around. He spent many early mornings and rainy days socializing with other contractors and anyone else that would love to have conversation. He

frequently said that he always received jobs from the customers that came by so in essence maybe it was his office after all. Prior to owning and operating his own business he was employed by Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University in the Biochemistry Department. Mike volunteer coached youth basketball and baseball at Blacksburg Parks and Recreation for over 20 years. He mentored and touched the lives of many young athletes as they came through the program. He was competitive but above all else he was fair. He volunteered and donated countless hours for the youth of Blacksburg and made positive impacts on the many that he coached. In 20+ years of volunteer coaching, he only received one technical foul and that was given by his oldest son when Mike was coaching his youngest son. That was an interesting weekend to say the least! Mike's greatest accomplishments was being a father to his two sons and a Poppy to his two grandson's and his new 15-month-old granddaughter. He cherished their sporting events, family gatherings, fishing, hunting trips and watching his granddaughter walk for the first time. Those were the days that made him the happiest and he will leave memories for everyone involved that will last a lifetime.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two siblings, Edna Faye Sowers and Donna Mae Price and his nephew, Ricky Vaden. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 53 years, Charlotte Epperley; his oldest son, Brad Epperley and wife Amy; his youngest son, Brandon Epperley and wife Alisha; his three precious grandchildren, Cole Epperley, Parker Epperley and Azalea Ruth Epperley and his special canine companion Zoey; special aunt and uncle, Kenneth and Shelvie Epperley. Mike had a very fun-loving relationship with his brothers-in-law Jimmy Fisher, Ricky Eppling, Monte Eppling, Jeff Williams and his sisters-in-law Merinda Williams and Susan Sowers along with his many wonderful cousins, nieces and nephews that he loved very much. Our family would like to give a special and loving thank you to his niece Jennifer Vaden for her countless hours helping Mike and the family during his times of struggle.

The family would also like to thank Dr. Isaac Spence and his nurse Kim; Dr.

Frank Biscardi and his staff; Good Samaritan Hospice staff with special thanks to Brittany, Connie and Lottie. The family will be touched forever from the memories that Mike and our family have made with special friends Bernard and Ellen Linkous, Calvin Dove, Janice Hodge, Dr. Lucian and Marj Robinson, Donnie and Sharon Cox, Dr. Richard and Laurie Shepherd, the Fenton Family, Norma Spichek and the many other friends that Mike had met through business, sports and family friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Blacksburg Christian Church, 240 Watson Ave, Blacksburg, VA 24060 and Gateway Baptist Church, 2196 Harding Rd, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, August 23, 2024 at 11:00 am in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary McCoy officiating.

Interment will follow in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. The family will receive friends from 5-7:00 pm on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at the McCoy Funeral Home 150 Country Club Dr SW, Blacksburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street  
Christiansburg, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

GW

“ i want to let the world know about Dr, Paul the Great spell caster that brought back my husband to me when i thought all hope was lost. Dr, Paul used his powerful spell to put a smile on my face by bringing back my man with his spell, at first i thought i was dreaming when my husband came back to me on his knees begging me to forgive him and accept him back and ever since then he loves me more than i ever expected so i made a vow to my self that i will let the World know about Dr, Paul because he is a God on earth. Do you have problems in your relationship ? have your partner broke up with you and you still love and want him back ? No Do you have problems with your finance ? or do you need help of any kind then contact Dr, Paul today for i give you 100% guarantee that he will help you just as he helped me. Dr, Paul email is: astoriashrine@gmail com OR dd him on whatsapp via: +27840980932

gift william - August 29, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Micheal Thomas Epperley.



August 23, 2024 at 11:15 AM

SJ

“ Stephane & Jon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Micheal Thomas Epperley.

Stephane & Jon - August 23, 2024 at 11:15 AM

HC

“ Where to begin; I met Mike through work at State Farm many years ago and over those years we had many conversations about everyday life, which included children, dogs and every subject in between. He always had a smile on his face and a pleasant word to say about everything we chose to discuss. You will be missed Mike by all those who had the privilege of knowing you. RIP my friend.

Hilda Compton - August 22, 2024 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Micheal Thomas Epperley.



August 22, 2024 at 09:44 AM

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“ Faith Stevers Ring planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Micheal Thomas Epperley.

Faith Stevers Ring - August 22, 2024 at 09:44 AM

JR

“ John and Ginger Radford purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Micheal Thomas Epperley.



John and Ginger Radford - August 21, 2024 at 08:51 PM

SE

“ Prayers and condolences to Charlotte and family. Sorry I want be able to be there for you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Shirley H Epperley - August 21, 2024 at 08:09 PM

PM

“ I never saw Mike without a smile on his face, I never heard a harsh word from him, I am sorry for your loss . He did well in this life.

phil mosser - August 21, 2024 at 03:50 PM

DS

“ Daniel and Courtney Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Micheal Thomas Epperley.



Daniel and Courtney Smith - August 21, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Micheal Thomas Epperley.



August 21, 2024 at 11:59 AM

KS

“ *Kay Stoner lit a candle in memory of Micheal Thomas Epperley*



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**Kay Stoner** - August 21, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Micheal Thomas Epperley.*



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August 21, 2024 at 08:45 AM

RE

“ *We are so sorry to hear this Mike was a very special man He will always be remembered. So sorry we can't come please know you are all in our prayers We Love you*

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**Ronnie and Wendy Epperley** - August 20, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Micheal Thomas Epperley.*



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August 20, 2024 at 05:33 PM

AR

“ *Angela Roberts lit a candle in memory of Micheal Thomas Epperley*



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**Angela Roberts** - August 20, 2024 at 04:58 PM

AR

“ *Prayers and condolences to Charlotte and family. Mike was one of a kind. I loved him dearly. He was a good one, he gave me the greatest hug last time we saw you. I love you all, we will miss him. Your cousin Angela*

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**Angela Roberts** - August 20, 2024 at 04:58 PM

SM

“ *To dear Brad, Brandon and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You all will be in my prayers in the days to come, my very sincere condolences, Selena M*

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**Selena McCoy** - August 20, 2024 at 04:41 PM

AP

“ *Brad & family -*

*Donita & I are very sad to hear of your father passing. You & your family are in our prayers & thoughts.*

*Art & Donita Price*

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**Art Price** - August 20, 2024 at 01:19 PM

TA

“ *We are so sad to hear of Mike's passing. He was a kind soul and he will be greatly missed. Condolences and prayers from your Georgia friends. Love, Tim and Tabatha Albert and family.*

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**Tabatha Albert** - August 20, 2024 at 12:04 PM