



Robert Michael Whaley

January 2, 1945 - September 4, 2022

Robert Michael Whaley, residing in Eastpoint, Florida, passed away Sunday, September 4, 2022 at the age of 77.

“Mike” was born on January 2nd 1945. He grew up in Atlanta, Georgia with his father, mother and brother, Larry. He attended Gordon High School in Decatur, Georgia where he met his wife, Judy, on a Glee Club Tour, at the age of 18. Mike became a police officer for the City of Atlanta and was chosen to train in the first class at Quantico. He was promoted and became a Detective with the Atlanta Police Department, while studying law at Georgia State University. After graduating, he then went on to earn his doctorate in law from Atlanta Law School. He served as an Assistant District Attorney for Fulton County, and eventually opened his own Law practice. After retiring from his law practice, Mike answered the call of the Lord and attended Seminary, while serving as a Judge in 3 municipalities in Cobb County, Georgia. After completing his studies at New Orleans Theological Seminary, he followed God’s will for his life as a pastor. Mike was called to the First Baptist Church of St. George Island 22 years ago, where he was instrumental in the vision and completion of The St. George Island Christian Retreat Center. He maintained his pastoral life until his passing.

At the age of 20, Mike married his High School Sweetheart, Judy Sullivan, and went on to have 3 beautiful children including one son and two daughters. He

enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and spending time with family. Mike was a die-hard Georgia Bulldog and Atlanta Braves fan. He absolutely loved being involved in his grandchildren's sports activities. Mike was a loving husband, father, and grandfather to his family. He constantly put others first and was passionate about ministering to those in need.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Judy Sullivan Whaley; his two daughters, Lisa Michelle Prater (Sam) and Regina Celeste Lineberry (Joe); three grandchildren, William Michael Prater, Annastasia Celeste Lineberry, and Sarah Michelle Prater; and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM, at the First Baptist Church of St. George Island, the church where Mike was the Pastor up until the time of his passing. The Church is located at 501 East Bayshore Drive, St. George Island, Florida 32328.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in Mike's memory to the St. George Island Christian Retreat Center by mail to: 501 East Bayshore Drive, St. George, Florida, 32328; or online at SGICHRISTIANRETREAT.com

The family is being assisted by James Sircy and cared for by Jackie Fulford of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida.
850.610.4444 YoungFulford.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of St. George Island
501 East Bayshore Drive
St. George Island, FL 32328

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Michael Whaley*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Robert Michael Whaley*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *I just posted a memory as Phyllis Shepek. I should have noted my maiden name of Chandler. Larry should remember me. I'm very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Love to all.*

Phyllis Shepek - March 21, 2023 at 01:18 AM



“ *Mike and I were high school friends. He was our paper boy. We dated occasionally. I remember him as being especially kind.*

Phyllis Shepek - March 21, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Pastor Mike and Judy hosted our mission team from Gallatin, TN several years in a row as we ministered to children of SGI and Eastpoint through Vacation Bible School. Mike was such a strong influence on my life, as a Youth Pastor at the time, and all of our students were profoundly influenced by seeing the Lord work through Mike, Judy and the whole FBCSGI family. Many of those youth who went on those mission trips are married with children and attending and serving in local churches in Middle Tennessee. Whenever we run into each other, we cannot help but to recall those times on SGI, and the love Mike and Judy poured out on our teams. What a blessing it was to share those times with such a man of God.*

Todd Henderson - October 13, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Robert Michael Whaley*

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Mike was my Sunday School teacher when I was 12 years old. I am sorry to hear of this, but I know he has heard a "Well done, Good and faithful servant." He helped steer my direction as I eventually ended up in Youth Ministry and later into Music Ministry. He was one of the people I can count on one hand that helped shape my leadership and service to Jesus Christ.*

Mike Sarratt - September 14, 2022 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ Mike was so warm and loving. He always welcomed me my " home away from home" when we came to the island. He was there for me when my first husband passed, and he and John had good discussions over lunch or dinner when we were on the island. He will be misses. He certainly left his mark in this world. I pray for comfort and healing for the family. Judy and John Piet

Judy schaefer-Piet - September 10, 2022 at 07:33 PM

MF

“ In 1997 the Whaley's, Ford's, Woody's, Prater's and Lineberry's were looking forward to a vacation week together in house at Fort Morgan, AL. Plans had to change at the last minute when Hurricane Danny stalled in the mouth of Mobile Bay and damaged the house making it unrentable for the rest of the summer. Acting on advice from the Alabama rental agency, we found a couple of apartment units at SGI for our relocated vacation.

I have always thought that Danny's track was ordained as a way to get Mike to SGI at just the right time for him to be called as pastor to FBCSGI a couple of years later. During his 22 years as pastor he was the driving force and energy in establishing the SGI Christian Retreat Center.

Well done good and faithful servant. You will be so very much missed by everyone.

The attached photo is of the family on the SGI beach in 1997.



Mike and Vicky Ford - September 08, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Michael Whaley.*



September 08, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Mike' s being called Home. Your whole family is in my prayers for comforting and caring. Ed (baldo) Kisselburg.*

Ed (balbo) Kisselburg - September 08, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Michael Whaley.*



September 08, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Our love and prayers to you all ❤️ Love, Betty and Kenna*

Betty McMahan & Kenna McKenney - September 08, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *Judy, Lisa, Gina, & Families, Love & prayers! April Greene Lowry*

April Lowry - September 07, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Michael Whaley.*



September 07, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Mike was our pastor for the past 11 years we have lived on St George, and we visited FBC often when we came down as owners beginning in 1994. We loved Mike and are very grateful for his and Judy's great help in caring for Ann's sister June and her husband Charlie Matthews during their final illnesses. We are very grateful for the great religious experiences and fun times we had at St George Island FBC.*

Mike's experiences and accomplishments as policeman, lawyer, judge, district attorney, and finally as a beloved and effective pastor are mind boggling, and show the influence of Judy, a very gifted and blessed pianist, as a great encourager. We remember the Easter Sunrise services that Mike led and the very moving experience of seeing the Sun rise over the Gulf and Apalachicola Bay.

Mike and Judy were a great blessing to our family, and they filled a significant need for a wonderful Christian experience on our beloved island. Mike will be greatly missed. We are praying for peace and comfort and healing for Judy and their family in the blessed assurance that Mike is well and happy with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Ann and Robert McMillan

Robert and Ann McMillan - September 07, 2022 at 11:53 AM

MS

Heaven's Gain our loss. Praying for family family and especially Ms.Judy a great Pastor and Dedicated. Wife loved By Many.

Mary Sloan - September 07, 2022 at 05:40 PM