



Mr. James Michael Storter

May 21, 2012

STORTER, James Michael, 45, of Plant City, Florida went home to be with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, May 21, 2012.

He was born on February 17, 1967 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He grew up in Naples, Florida and graduated high school from Naples Christian Academy in 1985. He attended the University of Florida where he met his wife, Laura. He graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. After getting married in 1991, he continued his education at Southwestern Theological Seminary and received his master's in Religious Education in 1993. Mike and Laura returned to Plant City where he became a ministerial intern at Plant City's First Baptist Church. Mike served as a Pastor at PCFBC working with youth and college-age students for 19 years. He went on to earn a master's in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida and taught in Eastern Hillsborough County for 14 years. He worked at Marshall Middle School and Plant City High School, where he became the head of the Physical Education Departments at both schools. Mike loved people and enjoyed being involved in his church, school, and community. He knew that God had called him to work with young people and truly had a passion for his students. He helped sponsor Fellowship of Christian Athletes and coached girls soccer, boys and girls cross country, girls track, and football.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Davis Storter and two daughters, Taryn Marie, 10, and Hope Alyse, 5. He is also survived by his parents, James Gavin and Alvarene Storter; brothers, Jamie (Terri) Storter and Duke (Jennifer) Storter; nephews, Johnathon and Jason; niece, Elli, as well as, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and four great-nephews.

When Mike was diagnosed with leukemia (AML) 3 ½ years ago, his desire was to bring glory to God and to be a witness to God's grace in times of difficulty. He continued to share his faith, remain positive, support his family, and shine the Light of Jesus even throughout the very challenging days of treatments and a bone marrow transplant. Mike knew that God had a purpose for his life, his suffering, and his death. His desire would be for all to know Jesus and discover His purpose for their lives.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, May 25 at 5:00 P.M. at Plant City's First Baptist Church, 503 N. Palmer Street, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 4:00 P.M. and at the conclusion of the services. Private interment at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Plant City's First Baptist Church Building Fund and/or Coach Storter PCHS Scholarship Fund, c/o Hillsboro Bank, 509 W. Alexander Street, Plant City 33563. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Plant City's First Baptist Church
503 North Palmer Street
Plant City, FL 33563
<http://www.fbcpc.com/>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

JM

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Jason Mattair - May 21, 2019 at 11:36 PM

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“ *lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter*



May 28, 2012 at 01:39 AM



“ *sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter*



May 28, 2012 at 01:38 AM



“ *Laura & family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful, special man who impacted so many lives in the community in such a positive way, and he will be greatly missed. I hope that knowing how very much your dear husband was loved by all provides comfort during those difficult days. Thank you for sharing him with all of us; his example of strength, kindness, love, laughter and most of all, strong testament to true faith has made us all stronger and better people as a result. Our family will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Stacy Dunn - May 25, 2012 at 11:30 PM

SD

“ Stacy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter



Stacy Dunn - May 25, 2012 at 11:19 PM

LO

“ A great man who inspired many to do great things. He will be missed but never forgotten.
Lori Phillips Orso

Lori Phillips Orso - May 25, 2012 at 03:45 PM

JJ

“ So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I went to school with Mike at Naples Christian Acedemy...we were a very small school and everybody knew everyone. I always remember Mike as being kind and alwsys trying to make people laugh. Mike performed my wedding ceremony for my husband Steve and I in 1993. It was a very special day especially because he was able to that for us. Although it has been many years since Ive seen Mike, it sounds as though he continue to be the kind-hearted and funny guy as he once was back in high school. My thoughts and prayer go to his wife Laura and two girls Taryn and Hope.
Jennifer Wills Jackson

Jennifer Wills Jackson - May 25, 2012 at 11:59 AM

JJ

“ Jennifer Wills Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter



Jennifer Wills Jackson - May 25, 2012 at 11:44 AM

KH

“ Kay Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter



Kay Howard - May 24, 2012 at 10:33 PM

CO

“ Carolanne Olsen lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter



Carolanne Olsen - May 24, 2012 at 08:38 AM

MJ

“ Misty Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter



Misty Jimenez - May 23, 2012 at 06:24 PM

GO

“ Dear Laura, Taryn and Hope,
Our thoughts and prayers are being sent to you at his time. Mike was certainly a fine Christian man and set a good example for all who knew him. He will be missed by everyone. Please know that we love all of you and wish that it had been possible for us to be in Florida to support you and your family in person.
In God's Love,
Bet and Gerald

Gerald Eugene Orme - May 23, 2012 at 10:33 AM

CM

“ Dear Laura, Taryn and Hope,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you! What a beautiful and special husband and father Mike is. I know he is smiling today as he see's the love of your friends and family reaching out to you! We loved his kind smile and funny sense of humor.... May we each one dedicate our moments on this earth to shine and spread the light of Jesus like Mike did so well. God Bless You! Michael & Cheryl McDaniel

Cheryl McDaniel - May 23, 2012 at 09:18 AM



“ may you rest in peace coach starter! you will always be remembered by all of us former students of pchs. you were the nicest person I've ever met & I'm sure anyone else who had an opportunity to meet you would say the same. prayers are with your family at this time. may your legacy live on!



May 23, 2012 at 07:43 AM



“ Mike, you are so special to so many people! Everyone that I come across that knows you has a personal funny story to share with others. I have many funny stories to share when we worked together at Marshall Middle School. You and that walkie talkie!!!!!! Mike, you are admired, respected and loved by so very many people! Your love of life is contagious and you have the gift of making others feel better especially when they are having a bad day! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the impact you have had on our young people. Your care, support, love and dedication to our youth will stay in their hearts forever! We love you, Mike!! Until we meet again my friend.....



Peggy Adams - May 22, 2012 at 09:28 PM



“ sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James Michael Storter



May 22, 2012 at 07:51 PM



“ *The one thing that hurts me most about knowing I won't ever run into him at a store or anything again is missing his smile and high fives. Coach Storter was such an inspiring person who always knew what would cheer us students up. He was always so happy and had the best attitude I have EVER seen. My prayers are with all of his loved ones and the future students will never get to meet this amazing man. Coach until we meet again one day in Heaven I will remember you with all the best memories of HS I have, you meant alot to me as well as everyone who knew you. May your enjoy your days in Heaven but please watch over us left here. As sad as I am, I know you are in a much better place and you got your wish to baptize Hope and your life purpose to spread the love of God was fulfilled daily. I wish the family some peace in their hearts.*



Kristin Hansen, former student

May 22, 2012 at 07:38 PM

VG

*May you rest in peace
You will live in our hearts forever
What a remarkable hero to all*

vonda gainey - May 22, 2012 at 08:38 PM

ML

We hope God will lessen the pain of losing Michael. We know he is with God and now pray for the family. Sincerely, Mike & Brenda Lytle

Michael & Brenda Lytle - May 23, 2012 at 08:30 AM

PF

So many people come into our lives then leave the way they came. But there are those precious few who touch our hearts so deeply we will never be the same. Mike Storter is one of the few! Our love and prayers for Laura, Taryn, and Hope!

Pastor Michael Lewis and family - May 25, 2012 at 12:08 PM