



Mr. John Metts

November 9, 1958 - May 5, 2019

John Michael “Mike” Metts, 60, of Hopkins, formerly of Houston, TX, died Sunday, May 5, 2019. Born in Columbia, SC, on November 9, 1958, he was the son of John B. Metts and the late Peggy Blackwell Frye.

Mike was a 1977 graduate of Spring Valley High School and attended the University of South Carolina. He had a passion for anything dealing with paleontology. He lived in Houston, TX for the last several years where he worked as a consultant for the Petroleum Chemical Industry. During his career, he consulted in the Valdes and for BP during their oil spill in New Orleans. In the 1980’s he had a fossil and shark tooth collection in the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina and has collections at the SC State Museum and Berkeley County Museum. Mike was a dedicated member at Gulfhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Houston, Texas, where he served as an Elder. A loving and devoted friend, Mike never met a stranger and was very much a people person who was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Young Metts; father, John B. Metts (Patricia); step-father, James A. Frye; sisters, Denise Metts Stephens (Jim), Carrie Metts Whitlock (Brent), Sarah Jean Metts, and Jessica Lenora Metts.

A memorial service for Mr. Metts will be held 12 o’clock, Sunday, May 26th, at Gulfhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10716 Sabo Road, Houston, TX. Services will also be held in Columbia, SC, with the date and time to be announced. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

The family would like to extend a special thank you for the loving care and unwavering dedication shown by his aunt, Kay Kelly and cousin, Anthony Kelly during Mike’s recent decline.

Memorials may be made to Gulfhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10716 Sabo Road, Houston, TX 77089.

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Events

MAY **Memorial Service** 12:00PM
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Gulfhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church
10716 Sabo Road, Houston, TX, US, 77089

Comments



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Noel Lazarus - May 25 at 01:44 AM



“ Mike Metts Elder, Brother & Friend to our Gulfhaven SDA Church Family in Houston, TX, has been a tower of strength and support in Ministry to our Gulfhaven Community! He is indeed a friend who sticks closer than a brother! What a beautiful picture of Christ's love he has exhibited from the time he set foot in Houston! Together with Jane, they have blessed and touched the lives of countless individuals and families by their selfless, generous, compassionate and Christlike spirit! So many families were able to attend Church Camp and Christmas Dinners because Mike cared enough to ensure that no one was left behind! Complete strangers had their rent paid and meal purchased because Mike refused to see people being evicted or going hungry! His most recent donation to our church was a new sound system. Every time music & preaching is made audible, we'll be reminded of a friend and brother who's actions spoke louder than his words! Mike blessed so many while sacrificing so much! A man with a heart of gold! What a legacy he has left behind!

Mike was also a knowledgeable and sought after consultant in the Petroleum Chemical Industry, renowned historian, communicator par excellence, who could talk about anything and everything, He was an avid fossil hunter and shark tooth collector, committed creationist, dedicated follower of Jesus Christ, preacher, teacher, singer but most of all a devoted friend who loved and cared about people! What drew Mike to Gulfhaven was the rich diversity of our congregation! He loved interacting and immersing himself in the lives of people and soon earned their confidence, love and respect! Never a person walked by him without a hug and a kiss! That took some getting used to for some! He has been an inspiration and a blessing to so many!

Mike's passing has broken the hearts of so many and even Houston can't solve this problem! The light that shone so brightly has been extinguished so suddenly...gone too soon! But the radiance and brightness he inspired continues to shine brightly in all of our hearts! The hope of the resurrection at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is what inspires our faith and informs our hope in the difficult days ahead! Indeed we shall see our brother and friend again! Farewell Mike, Until we meet again! Pastor Noel & Venetia Lazarus, Houston, TX @ Gulfhaven SDA Church!

Noel Lazarus - May 25 at 02:49 AM



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Noel Lazarus - May 25 at 01:36 AM



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Noel Lazarus - May 25 at 01:30 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss. The collier family

Cindy maclean - May 19 at 10:01 AM



“ John,
It saddens me beyond words to hear of your passing. You and Jane have been like family to me and mine for over 19 years. I still remember when we first met over fossils I found back in 2000. You opened my eyes to the fossil world and helped me make amazing new friends in the process. From the trips to Giant and the adventures in Florida, you will always be in my heart and the fossil world has lost a true friend. See you later BO-CAT!



Matthew Weas - May 15 at 08:16 PM



“ Jane ... Matt and I are so, so sorry to hear of Johns passing. Like Matt said y'all are like family. We have lots of great memories from looking for fossils in Giant and Bone Valley to diving the Tail Race and Cooper River. Lots of laughs and joking around. And I don't know

how many times we sat and talked about his love for You and God. To know John was to love him. His smile could light up a room. His knowledge of fossils was undeniable. He taught Matt and I a lot! My heart feels empty knowing that I won't see him again on this earth! But I'm assured by his and my faith we will see each other in Heaven. Gwen and I send our love and prayers to you! Your friends Joe and Gwen Harvey

Joe Harvey - May 15 at 08:52 PM



“ Hey Matt. I've been wanting to get your number so I can call you. That's a great picture of you two. John loved you so much. The world just won't be the same without him in it. I've met so many great people through him. I wouldn't have met you or Joe if it wasn't for John. I have tried to write something that can reflect my admiration and love for him. I've put some stuff on paper. The best times of my life was spent with him and with you. Knowing that I will see him again is helps the most. The amount of love he had to give is amazing.

Ricky Carter - May 18 at 09:46 AM



“ Jane, Family Metts, Denise (all I only know as DeeDee). My heartfelt condolences at Mike's passing, he is in the warmth of the Lords house now. His friends and family know he was a good man, I knew him as a good friend. Growing up in Woodfield Park together and the adventures our families took in the station wagon will always be with us. Fossil digs, Edisto beach, and basketball in the backyard are well remembered with Mike and the Metts family. I wish you all strength now, he is now watching over us from above.

Al Cagle (and Strawberry)
Omaha, NE

ALTON CAGLE - May 12 at 11:18 AM



“ John was my friend in Christ. Spent many hours traveling to jobs and talking about God and his word. I can hear John now { Sonny we got most of it right and God really loves us}

Harold Gunn - May 12 at 06:45 AM



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Denise Stephens - May 11 at 09:05 AM



“ This is a poem I wrote for my brother Mike in 2004. Love you Bubba!



Denise Stephens - May 10 at 02:06 PM



“ sincerely, Colton Maynard from Trinity Hugo OK, purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. John Metts.



sincerely, Colton Maynard from Trinity Hugo OK, - May 09 at 03:04 PM



“ 1 file added to the album A Poem for Mike - 2004



Denise Stephens - May 09 at 02:18 PM



“ (from my Facebook page) I didn't think this would be the last time I saw you. I thought I'd see you today (Sunday)...but that wasn't meant to be. It all happened faster than the doctors said. I wanted to tell you something, and I wasn't sure I'd get it out without sobbing. So here goes. Thank you. Thank you for all the laughs. Thank you for encouraging my interest in science. Thank you for the fossils and sharks teeth, and for taking me on a dig. Thank you for the telescope and the microscope that you gave me when I was little, in lieu of dolls. It's like you just knew I'd love science. I wanted to tell you this today, but instead I'll tell everyone. I love you, Mike.
- Carrie



Carrie Whitlock - May 08 at 10:49 PM



“ To say that John will be missed is an understatement. He and Jane were, and are so special to my family. Even though we are not blood related, his bond with my dad, and my family has made him that to us. We will be forever grateful to have known you, shared in your fossil passion, and overall positive love for life and all you encounter; and most of all will be forever missed. We love you, and Jane always.



Courtney Steiner - May 08 at 08:55 PM



“ Mike Ariya and Donya Carter purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Mr. John Metts.



Mike Ariya and Donya Carter - May 08 at 09:00 AM



“ John was a great friend and will be missed by so many. I will miss him so much as we worked together for 30 years. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Sincerely, Mike Carter

Mike Carter - May 08 at 08:55 AM



“ Mike, I am Mike's sister Denise Stephens. Thank you so much for your comments and my condolences to you and Donya as well for the loss of your friend. He will be missed!

Denise - May 08 at 12:26 PM



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Denise Stephens - May 08 at 08:48 AM



“ DeeDee and Bubba

Denise - May 08 at 09:48 AM



“ This is DeeDee with brother Mike at our mother's 65th birthday party!

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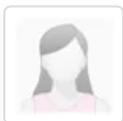


Denise Stephens - May 07 at 09:06 PM



“ A great friend that will truly be missed!

Leo Aich - May 07 at 11:24 PM



“ This is Jane and Mike at the beach near Houston.

Denise - May 08 at 09:52 AM



“ Mike was the most people person I have ever known He was willing to help with any situation and/or brainstorm to make it better, easier and more fun. I loved his smiles, his hugs and when he sang, you knew that he knew Jesus. The world will never be the same without you Mike, but one day we will meet again and worship around Jesus' feet. Until the DAY....

Darlene Thomas - May 08 at 10:47 PM