



Christopher D. "Mike" Branham

September 3, 1965 - September 14, 2024

Christopher D. Branham, known affectionately as “Mike” to those who knew and loved him, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at his home in Alexandria, Virginia. He was 59 years old.

Mike was born in 1965 in North Carolina, but lived most of his life in Alexandria, VA. He is survived by his loving and supportive wife of 28 years, Chandra Nutt Branham (“Chan”). The couple met at a party in Alexandria in the 1980s, when they were in their young 20s, and began a relationship that would continue for the next 36 years.

Mike is described by his friends and family as one-of-a-kind – funny, stubborn, opinionated, sometimes loud, with a boisterous laugh and a big heart. He had a long career as a journeyman mechanic, and joined United Parcel Service, where he worked for 30 years. He then retired in 2015 to pursue his true passions – fishing and hunting. Mike was always an avid fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman. His love of these sports took him across the country, from Virginia, to Florida, to Wisconsin and Iowa, to Alaska, and many places in between. He and Chan bought a vacation home in Florida, where he was able to enjoy fishing in his own backyard. He loved hosting friends in Florida, fishing all day and telling tall tales at night.

Mike was a truly unique person – a rugged, burly, bear of a man with a soft

spot for friends and family. He was smart and capable. Once he put his mind to something, there was nothing he could not do, including many home renovations and building projects, and the never-ending work on his boats. He took great pride in his technical and problem-solving skills.

In addition to his wife, Chan, Mike is survived by his father, Billy Joe Branham, and brothers Ted Branham (Delya), Larry Branham, and Terry Huffman, along with many cousins. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 19th, from 2:00-4:00 pm, at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - September 19, 2024 at 09:01 AM

MT

“ Mike Tobin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Mike Tobin - September 20, 2024 at 03:22 PM

MT

“ Mike Tobin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Mike Tobin - September 20, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Larry Branham - September 19, 2024 at 12:03 PM

DM

“ So many good times and laughs on the water together, will miss you dearly my friend. Till we meet again tight lines 🥺🙏💔



Derek G Moyer - September 19, 2024 at 08:29 AM

DF

“ Dominic F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Dominic F. - September 19, 2024 at 06:33 AM

DG

“ Derek G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Derek G. - September 18, 2024 at 05:58 PM

CA

“ Carol A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Carol A. - September 18, 2024 at 03:11 PM

KS

“ Keely Scamperle purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Keely Scamperle - September 18, 2024 at 02:34 PM

KA

“ Keely A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Keely A. - September 18, 2024 at 02:28 PM

BU

“ Butter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Butter - September 18, 2024 at 01:55 PM

BU

“ *Butter purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



Butter - September 18, 2024 at 01:55 PM

GK

“ *Goodbye "Partner" You will be greatly missed Butter!*



Gary Kincheloe - September 18, 2024 at 01:47 PM

GK

Beautiful day on the Mattawoman with my old friend "Mike"

Gary Kincheloe - September 18, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



September 18, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



September 18, 2024 at 07:46 AM



“ *Nancy Long purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



Nancy Long - September 18, 2024 at 12:47 AM



“ *Carrie, Christine, Jeff, and Lindsay purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



Carrie, Christine, Jeff, and Lindsay - September 17, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ *Carrie, Christine, Jeff, and Lindsay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*

Carrie, Christine, Jeff, and Lindsay - September 17, 2024 at 10:19 PM

DB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Delya Branham - September 17, 2024 at 08:14 PM

AR

“ Alberto & Jesu Rivas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Alberto & Jesu Rivas - September 17, 2024 at 06:35 PM

CS

“ Chris Stingel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Chris Stingel - September 17, 2024 at 05:12 PM

JF

“ Jackie Cooney and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Jackie Cooney and Family - September 17, 2024 at 03:42 PM

JF

“ Jackie Cooney and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Jackie Cooney and Family - September 17, 2024 at 03:42 PM

AM

“ Angie, Matt, and Sydney Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Angie, Matt, and Sydney Miller - September 17, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



September 17, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



September 17, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ *Kathleen McGinn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



Kathleen McGinn - September 17, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *Kathleen McGinn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*

Kathleen McGinn - September 17, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *Andy Fish amd the MDIC Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



Andy Fish amd the MDIC Team - September 17, 2024 at 11:21 AM

CB

“ Carol Blechl purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Carol Blechl - September 17, 2024 at 11:15 AM

DP

“ Diane Pennington purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Diane Pennington - September 17, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JS

“ John and Chiaki Schulteis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

John and Chiaki Schulteis - September 17, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



September 17, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JF

“ Jan & Ernie Foster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Jan & Ernie Foster - September 17, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



September 17, 2024 at 10:20 AM

JC

“ Jay & Cheryl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.

Jay & Cheryl - September 17, 2024 at 10:02 AM

JC

“ Jay & Cheryl purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.



Jay & Cheryl - September 17, 2024 at 10:02 AM

TT

“ *The Payment and Delivery Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christopher D. "Mike" Branham.*



The Payment and Delivery Team - September 17, 2024 at 09:25 AM