



## Michael Lee Stobaugh

April 25, 1953 - July 3, 2020

Michael "Mike" Lee Stobaugh, 67, of Morrilton, passed away Friday, July 3, 2020. He was born on April 25, 1953 in Lawton Oklahoma, the son of the Bill D. Stobaugh (deceased) and Dorothy Jane Richardson Stobaugh. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Stobaugh, of Morrilton; sister Christie Stobaugh, of San Antonio, Texas; brothers Richie Stobaugh, of Lowell, Arkansas, Jeff Stobaugh of Morrilton, and David and wife Shawn Stobaugh of Van Buren, Arkansas; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Mike was a successful coach and school administrator, and assisted with managing the family business, The 7up Bottling Company. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas, and master's degree from the University of Central Arkansas. He took great pride in instructing his students in the classroom as well as preparing them to be successful in their lives after graduation. His career spanned at schools in Arkansas and Texas. He was an innovator as a coach. He often turned around the programs at the schools within a few years. He was so proud when visiting with his students and hearing of their successes and the impact that he had on their lives. During his retirement, Mike enjoyed fishing and supporting the Razorbacks.

His memorial service will be on Friday, July 17, at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Due to the COVID virus risks, the private ceremony will be limited to family and several close friends. Pallbearers will be Keith Stobaugh, Jeremy Stobaugh, Fletcher Stobaugh, Zach Stobaugh, George Pfeifer, and Jim Cobb.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

# Cemetery

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## **Sacred Heart Cemetery**

Morrilton, AR,

# Comments

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“ To Dorothy Stobaugh and Family,  
I used to play ball with Mike. He was a great player and a great guy. Take care and God bless.

Love,  
Gerald and Sharon Paladino

**Gerald Paladino** - July 17 at 09:29 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.

**Ruby Shoesmith** - July 15 at 05:49 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry to hear about "coach" Stobaugh. Prayers for the entire family!

**Tammy Farnam** - July 15 at 01:47 PM

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michael Lee Stobaugh.



July 15 at 12:25 PM

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“ Praying for the Stobaugh family. I had Coach Stobaugh as a teacher at Harrison High School. I enjoyed his class & he even sent me to wash his truck every once in awhile lol. I got to talk to him back in April & pray with him. We had a great conversation. I know he will be missed.

**Dana Thrasher Smith** - July 15 at 11:51 AM

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Mike's passing... My deepest condolences to his family and friends..Prayers



**Karon Stobaugh** - July 14 at 03:31 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of Coach Stobaugh's passing. He was my coach and teacher in Harrison in the mid 1980's. He was always very kind and fun to be around. I have many good memories of him.

**Susan White Chafin** - July 12 at 10:25 PM

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“ DEBBIE MAY ZIMMERMAN lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Stobaugh



**DEBBIE MAY ZIMMERMAN** - July 12 at 07:48 PM

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“ Had the pleasure of working with Mike at Harrison High School. Mike and I coached the girls there. He was a great assistant and had a great coaching mind. I enjoyed our visits (texting) while he was in the hospital. Often times our visits were spiritual in nature. He had a concern for the underdogs in this world. I know he sought a deeper understanding of God and I truly believe he found it and was at peace. RIP my friend. I will see you on the other side.

**Patrick Widders** - July 11 at 07:13 PM

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“ I knew Michael and Christie at the U of A and admired and enjoyed both of them. It was a pleasure to stop in his home town and meet his family as we travelled to a Hog football game at War Memorial stadium. The Stobaughs were wonderful hosts. Michael was a gentleman.

My prayers are with you all. May sweet memories bring you peace and comfort.

Blessings to all.

Kathy Whaley Searcy  
Little Rock

**Kathy Searcy** - July 11 at 12:26 PM

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“ It was my joy serving as Mike's Chaplain at the Comfort Care Center. I witnessed Mike laying aside every weight and looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of his faith. God bless you mother and brothers.....Chaplain Beverly White

**Chaplain Beverly White** - July 11 at 11:55 AM

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“ Susan Kuehner lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Stobaugh



**susan kuehner** - July 11 at 09:29 AM

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“ To the family of Mike, I was proud to be Mike's Case Manager and in trying to help him through his trying times. I am sending prayers and thoughts to the family. May God comfort you and know that Mike is no longer suffering but in the hands of God peacefully resting. May God bless you all, Susan Kuehner

**susan kuehner** - July 11 at 09:28 AM

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“ Thanks for all the support you gave Mike and all of my family. You are good friend .

**Dot Stobaugh** - July 11 at 10:29 AM



“ Mike and I spent many hours together playing baseball while we were growing up in Morrilton. He was always very encouraging to everyone. Prayers extended to his family. RIP Mike.

**Doyce Hill** - July 11 at 07:41 AM



“ Thanks so much,Doyle. Means so much from his ball playing days

**Dot Stobaugh** - July 11 at 10:32 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. Praying for comfort and peace to surround you all in your time of grief. Gaylin



**Gaylin McChristian** - July 10 at 05:05 PM



“ Thanks so much for your kind words and prayers. He thought so much of you.

**Dot Stobaugh** - July 11 at 10:36 AM



“ Wow!! I was so surprised to see Mike's obit!! He will always be remembered by his players and his fellow educators!

**Kate (Isely) Cole** - July 10 at 03:42 PM



“ Thanks so much, Kate. So good to hear from his friends.

**Dot Stobaugh** - July 11 at 10:38 AM



“ O my!!! We all loved Coach!!! I am very sorry to hear about him. Prayers, Prayers o to his Family. Thank you Coach for the push to make us better!!!

**Dawn (Waters) Bryant** - July 11 at 09:00 PM



“ Mike was a great friend and one of truly great coaches of our time. We spent 10 years working side by side. I could always count on Mike to handle his share of any load. RIP dear friend Tommy Tice

**Tom and JoAnn Tice** - July 13 at 01:27 AM



“ Hate to hear of Coach Stobaugh's passing. He came on to coach us my senior year in basketball at Harrison and we were expected to win about 10-15 games at most and he led us to a 24-5 year. But that is not what is most important about this post. Those things fade and wither like the grass. Imo the most important thing is that from what I understand he came to terms with Jesus and the lives he touched along the way. I hope and pray he did come to Jesus and we will one day unite. He was a phenomenal coach. My love was basketball but I learned more in one year of baseball (played two for him) than I had learned my previous 17. He took coaching to a cerebral level. He did things sometimes a lot different or a little different and it made huge differences in the outcomes. For example, he installed the matchup zone my senior year in basketball and I had never heard of it lol and it was one of the main reasons we had such a great year. .In baseball he took care of every little detail and then was able to teach us at level 2 3 and 4 and it was almost uncanny how he did it. My heard and love goes out to his family and to all involved. Buck is around quite a bit and I'm praying for him. I saw coach Pfifer is gonna be involved in the ceremony and I pray for him and his family too. Could say a ton more but will leave it with love, prayer and Jesus!

**Michael Heath "Lefty"** - July 15 at 12:21 PM