



## Michael Anthony Watson

June 22, 2025

Michael Anthony Watson, 63, of Florence, died on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at McLeod Regional Hospital after a long battle with cancer. A private memorial will be held on a later date.

Michael was born in San Diego, California. During his childhood, he relocated to Florence, South Carolina. He was the son of the late David Watson and Linda Kennedy Rice. Michael attended West Florence High School and pursued a career in construction and roofing throughout his life. He is preceded in death by his father, David Watson, and his nephew, Chandler Watson. He is survived by his mother, Linda Kennedy Rice of Florence; his brother, Alan Watson of Florence; his sister, Felecia Jones (Norman) of Darlington; his nephews, David Watson of Arizona, Ryan Cox, and Charlie Cox of Darlington; and his niece, Anne Marie Poole of Darlington.

Michael was the middle child of three siblings, with an older brother and a younger sister. Despite the challenges that came with his position in the family, Michael had a distinct personality that will live forever in our heart. He loved animals, playing cards with his family, and fishing trips. Michael had exceptional artistic drawing skills until he suffered a traumatic brain injury when he was only 33 years old. Though his personality changed, he still cared for his family. His most cherished title was "Uncle Mike." He never had children of his own, but he was a constant staple in his niece and nephews' life. His greatest joy came from being part of their lives. Michael was not a man of many words, but his love was felt. Michael will truly be missed by the

ones who loved him the most.

In lieu of flowers condolences may be mailed to the funeral home, 315 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC 29532.

The Directors of Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home are honored to be serving the Watson family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to see this . I dated Mike when his Dad had the bar in front their house. He was a good guy. My thoughts and Prayers go up for his family.



Sonya Garris Gandy - June 26, 2025 at 11:27 PM

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I'm so sorry to hear the news about Mike. We've lost her over the years, but we were good friends. One of the craziest memories I have is when we were teenagers. I had a 67 Chevrolet Impala and we didn't have any money so we loaded up the backseat with bottles and we would stop and sell them for gas and to get drinks. We did that on a couple hot summer days but it was fun. I miss those days and I miss him. I'm so sorry for your loss Linda.

Kenny Floyd - June 28, 2025 at 11:22 AM

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I'm sorry we lost touch over the years.

Kenny Floyd - June 28, 2025 at 08:13 PM