



## Michael Wayne Hughes

April 26, 1955 - April 17, 2024

Michael “Mike” Wayne Hughes, 68, of rural Elk City, KS passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at his home. Mike was born on April 26, 1955, in Wichita, KS the son of Wayne Herbert and Joan Madeline (Wadsworth) Hughes.

Mike graduated from Cleveland High School, Cleveland, OK in 1973, as a proud Cleveland Tiger. He attended NEO-A&M Junior College in Miami, OK on a football scholarship and the next year transferred to Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO. Mike played basketball and baseball while attending there. He also held weekend ministries in Lee’s Summit and Irwin, MO while at OCC. He was in Athlete’s for Christ. He also went overseas to Taiwan as part of a traveling basketball team to do mission work.

Upon graduation from OCC, Mike’s first youth minister position was in Jacksonville, FL., at Mandarin Christian Church. Mike relocated to Kansas and married the love of his life, Cindy Ratzlaff. The couple married on June 14, 1980, in Fredonia, KS. Shortly after their marriage Mike accepted the position as youth minister at Countryside Christian Church in Wichita, KS. After serving there for more than 10 years, Mike was called to be the senior minister at the First Christian Church in Carthage, MO., where he served for 7 years. Mike then fulfilled a long-held dream to start a traveling rodeo ministry for the next 3 years which allowed him to combine his love of preaching God’s

word and rodeo.

The Lord then led Mike to a senior ministry position at First Christian Church in Texhoma, OK., which he held for 10 years. Mike was then asked to assist with a new church starting in Fredonia, KS., which is now known as Cornerstone Christian Church. He had the privilege of serving this faithful congregation for 14 ½ years until his health no longer permitted.

Mike's passion and prayer was always that the congregations he had served would continue to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Including his wife Cindy, Mike is survived by:

Siblings:

Rita Hantsbarger of Orlando, FL

Philip Hughes and wife Julia of Cleveland, OK

Keri Laxton and husband Jimmie of Prague, OK

Pam McCleary of Blackwell, OK

Winema Hughes of Blackwell, OK

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Veronica Hughes Carlson.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 10:30 AM at the Cornerstone Christian Church in Fredonia with Pastor Chris Hedges officiating, with burial to follow at White cemetery in rural Elk City. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 5-7 PM at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia. Memorials have been suggested to the Cornerstone Christian Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box

247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Cemetery Details

## White Cemtery

6272 CR 2150  
Montgomery Co, KS, KS 67344

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia  
420 S. 20th St.  
P.O. Box 247  
Fredonia, KS 66736  
(620) 378-2882

## Service

APR **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Christian Church  
1005 Golf Course Road  
Fredonia, KS 66736

# Tribute Wall

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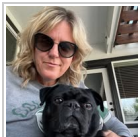
“ Mike was my youth pastor at Countryside Christian church. I learned how to be a man of God by his example. I remember him sharing with us a story about Cindy out on a run being sexually harassed and upon insuring her safety returned to the scene and corrected this person with the proof visible on his knuckles. “send me Lord” comes to mind by that lesson of being a sheep dog for those whom you love. i turned down OBC for the Corps as my oath but Mikes impact on me was fundamentally lifelong. we shared a love of horses and i very much appreciated him allowing me to tag along when he tended to his at the Skinner property. I miss him and Cindy. I too look fwd to reuniting with him when my time is up.

David Wallis - November 09, 2025 at 12:10 PM

MG

“ Cindy, Bob and I send our condolences to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. Marilyn and Bob Graham

Marilyn Graham - April 25, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ Mike was a great man of God and an important part of my younger years in the church. He not only baptized me but ministered to me and my family for years. He and Cindy are very near and dear to our family. Praying for Cindy and the family. We look forward to the day when we see Mike again in Heaven!

April Warren - April 25, 2024 at 11:43 AM

LC

“ Cindy. ....We are so sorry to hear about Mike's passing....we have only good memories of the years that you both served our First Christian Church in Carthage....I was blessed to be an elder for most of his time here and always appreciated calling with him, his preaching, his humor and his genuine love for our people. Know that you are in our prayers at this time....in Christian love...Larry and Karen Catron

Larry Catron - April 23, 2024 at 11:28 PM

TD

“ Tammie Don Doub lit a candle in memory of Michael Hughes



Tammie and Don Doub - April 23, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TD

“ Cindy, we are so sorry to hear about Mike. He will be missed by so many. We enjoyed the time we spent with him. We send prayers for comfort and peace.  
Tammie and Don Doub

Tammie and Don Doub - April 23, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Hughes.



April 23, 2024 at 12:33 AM

BO

“ Bryan & Terri Orr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Hughes.

Bryan & Terri Orr - April 23, 2024 at 12:33 AM

CF

“ Candace, Cord, Courtney, Cassie Fox purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Michael Wayne Hughes.



Candace, Cord, Courtney, Cassie Fox - April 22, 2024 at 11:58 AM

CF

“ Candace, Cord, Courtney, Cassie Fox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Hughes.

Candace, Cord, Courtney, Cassie Fox - April 22, 2024 at 11:58 AM

TF

“ The Freeman Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael Wayne Hughes.



The Freeman Family - April 21, 2024 at 04:42 PM

TF

“ *The Freeman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Hughes.*

**The Freeman Family** - April 21, 2024 at 04:42 PM

NP

“ *Pastor Mike was the best disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ that I've ever met in my life. He and his wife Cindy are two amazing people and taught me and so many others about the true meaning of having Christ in our hearts. He was raw, real and truly dedicated his life teaching others about what matters in life. The way he delivered the message was so heartfelt and powerful. I thank God for this man and everything he did ...not just for me and my family but what he did for our community. He will be missed more than words can describe. Cindy, I love you and am so sorry. Love you both always.*

**Natalie Puckett** - April 21, 2024 at 12:33 PM

NP

“ *Natalie Puckett lit a candle in memory of Michael Hughes*



**Natalie Puckett** - April 20, 2024 at 10:37 PM

JJ

“ Was shocked and saddened by Mike's passing. He and Cindy were not only our church leaders, but we felt like they were close friends. We were so sad when they moved from our town, but accepted that it was a better place for them to be. When they first moved to our town, we were having some kind of basketball tournament where the older has beens were going to scrimmage the high school team. Mike could not wait to play and I tried to warn him about trying to keep up with the high schoolers. He just laughed at me, ran into the game, did not stretch etc. and either tore a muscle or badly pulled one, I don't remember which. I was always kidding him about that. We would talk about OU and OSU football a lot. I called him not long ago to ask him for some of his sage advice and get his take on a situation I did not know how to de-cipher. We are sure going to miss him! Jester

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**Jesse Johnson** - April 20, 2024 at 03:37 PM

NN

“ Cindy, I am so sorry to hear this. You and Mike meant a lot to so many of us in Texhoma. Nancy (Mitchell) Nelson

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**Nancy Nelson** - April 20, 2024 at 03:24 PM

JH

“ We are so so grateful to have Mike as are pastor. He was a wonderful man. We are sorry for your loss Cindy We love you and Mike so much. But now he is with the Lord and in peace. He will be Missed so so much by many. And church family.

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**James and Julie Hedges** - April 20, 2024 at 03:15 PM

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“ Andrew & Morgan McClung (Beurskens) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Wayne Hughes.



Andrew & Morgan McClung (Beurskens) - April 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM

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“ Andrew & Morgan McClung (Beurskens) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Hughes.

Andrew & Morgan McClung (Beurskens) - April 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Hughes.



April 19, 2024 at 08:35 AM

LO

“ I'm so sorry for your loss he was a good pastor A good person 🙏🙏🙏 . . my prayers are with the family



Linda ogle - April 19, 2024 at 08:35 AM

SC

“ Emily, the kids and I are so grateful to have known this incredible man, mentor and leader.  
Our hearts and prayers go to Cindy , the family and the entire cornerstone community.  
GOD bless MH...

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**Steven Chasteen** - April 18, 2024 at 07:51 PM

KM

“ KRISTINA MARTIN lit a candle in memory of Michael Hughes



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**KRISTINA MARTIN** - April 18, 2024 at 04:54 PM

AM

“ anita martin lit a candle in memory of Michael Hughes



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**anita martin** - April 18, 2024 at 04:09 PM