



## James Michael "Mike" Meeks

June 19, 1947 - May 29, 2026

James Michael "Mike" Meeks, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2026, at the age of 78.

Mike was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 19, 1947, to the late Charles and Eddie Meeks. He was a man who loved the Lord deeply and treasured every moment spent with his family and friends. Mike never met a stranger and had a gift for making people laugh, feel welcome, and feel loved.

He shared 33 wonderful years of marriage with his devoted wife, Arinda Meeks. Together they built a life centered around faith, family, and service to others.

In retirement, Mike worked at Fort Yargo State Park, where he truly loved his coworkers and the friendships he built there. He was also a Senior Member of the Auburn Citizen Police Academy, and as an active alumnus, he proudly kept the Auburn Police Department on their toes with his humor and dedication.

Because he made the perfect Santa Claus, Mike especially enjoyed volunteering to wear the cherished Santa suit each year, bringing smiles, laughter, and joy to countless children and families in the community.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Eddie Meeks.

He is survived by his loving wife, Arinda Meeks; his son, Ricky (Dawna) Meeks of Spring Lake, North Carolina; and his daughters, Dianna (Michael) Cronic of Dacula, Georgia, Anita Webb of Cartersville, Georgia, Aimee (Greg) Thurmond of Monroe, Georgia, and Deigh Martin of Winder, Georgia.

Mike was a proud grandfather to Ashley Rawlins, Andrew Cronic, Caleb Cronic, Mason Webb, Grace Webb, Jack Webb, Tucker Jacks, Levi Jacks, Carlee Thurmond, Casey Thurmond, Brynna Martin, Kaiden Martin, Hannah Pope, and Hunter Meeks and he was blessed with eight great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Ann McNeill of North Carolina, along with several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Inspire Hospice and Palliative Care for the compassionate care, support, and respect they showed Mike and his family during this difficult time.

Mike will be laid to rest at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

The family will celebrate Mike's life and receive friends on June 18, 2026, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Event Center at Fort Yargo State Park in Winder, Georgia. Online condolences may be shared at Tim Stewart Funeral Homes.

Mike's legacy of love, laughter, service, and kindness will continue to live on in all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flower, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Auburn Police Foundation located in Auburn Georgia in memory of James Michael Meeks. Donations can be made online at [www.auburnpolicefoundation.org](http://www.auburnpolicefoundation.org) or in person to our foundation representative at 1 Auburn Way Auburn, Georgia

30011.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW,  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest  
registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, GA 30114

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Event Center at Fort Yargo State Park  
2019 Fort Yargo Avenue  
Winder, GA 30680