



Michael Brawner

May 18, 1951 - May 6, 2013

Michael E. Brawner, 61, of Wynne, passed away Monday, May 6, 2013 in Wynne.

Mike was born on May 18, 1951 to Dorothy Aston Brawner and the late George W. Brawner. Mike was the superintendent of Village Creek State Park from 1984 until his retirement in 2012. He had 39 years of service and received numerous Arkansas State Park Awards of Excellence including Overall Park of Year. Upon retirement, Governor Beebe commended him for his professional philosophy, integrity, and commitment during his career.

He was preceded in death by his father, George W. Brawner.

Survivors are his daughters, Ashley Brawner Duncan and husband Pete of Wynne; Erin Brawner Oguin and husband Russ of Wynne; mother, Dorothy Brawner of Wynne; brothers, Larry Brawner and wife Mary Bob; Ronnie Joe Brawner and wife Mary all of Wynne; sister, Peggy Burnett and husband David of Hickory Ridge; grandchildren, Luke Chapman, Rylee and Parker Duncan, Grant and Reese Oguin, all of Wynne. Mike will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and especially his Arkansas State Parks family.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 5:30 until 8 PM at Kernodle Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, at 10 AM at Kernodle Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Cogbill Cemetery in Wynne.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Ashley, I am very sorry for your loss.

Donna Snyder - May 09, 2013 at 04:19 PM

NS

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you - Mike was a great guy.

Needra Davis Sisson - May 09, 2013 at 10:15 AM

BR

“ My heart goes out to the entire Brawner family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Bertha Ragle - May 09, 2013 at 09:54 AM

JH

“ My sincerest condolences to the Brawner family.
Mike was my first boss with Arkansas State Parks and I would not be where I am today without his guidance and support.
I will miss speaking with him about his colorful past and hearing his advice about park matters. I like to think that I am a little part of his legacy; he will be missed.
The world is a little less colorful place without Mike Brawner in it.

Justin Huss - May 08, 2013 at 02:21 PM

SS

“ Aunt Dorothy and family, With heartfelt sympathy and my sincerest condolences for the loss of your beloved Mike...may you be wrapped in God's love and comfort. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and keep you and your family in His care now and forever. The family will always hold a special place and much love in my heart.

Susan Clark Brawner Smith - May 08, 2013 at 01:23 PM

JB

“ I used to work for Arkansas State Parks for a number of years. Mike was one of a kind and I'll always remember his smile. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and Arkansas State Park family too.

Jama Best - May 08, 2013 at 11:18 AM

LC

“ It was my pleasure to have known and worked with Mike for many years. My condolences to friends and family.

Larry Cargile - May 08, 2013 at 12:33 AM

SP

“ Ashley, Erin, Sandy please know you are in my prayers during your loss. Remember the wonderful times and I pray for peace and for God's loving care to hold you close and give you comfort. I love you.

Sue Powell - May 07, 2013 at 11:15 PM

SS

“ Seams like only yesterday we were kids playing in the barns and on the Creek. Memories of those days are still my favorite when I take time to relax and have special moments alone. Mike & Glenn cross my mind often, as well as the rest of the family. I'm so sorry Aunt Dorothy, my heart aches for you.
Love you all Scott

Scott Brawner, Sr. - May 07, 2013 at 03:40 PM

MH

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Mike. I went to high school with him and we laughed our way through alot of times. I will remember his laughter and great spirit..RIP my friend, until we meet again...

Martha Fiser Hamilton - May 07, 2013 at 01:15 PM

DC

“ So sorry about Mike. We graduated together from WHS. He and I were Mr. FHA and Ms. FFA. I thought that was really special!! My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family. Sincerely, Deb Carwell

Debbie (Taylor) Carwell - May 07, 2013 at 01:08 PM

RT

“ Praying for the Family and God will continue to bless.

Rosiland C. Thrasher - May 07, 2013 at 12:03 PM

PL

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Mike and I grew up together. God be with you.

Phil Lawson - May 07, 2013 at 11:45 AM

BH

“ Mike has been a dear friend of my dad, Jon Brown, for as long as I can remember. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I remember him as being so fun-loving and full of life. Several years ago, Mike and Jon took some of my college girlfriends and me with them to Tunica. I remember making them listen to rap music on the way there, and Mike and Jon pretended to know the words and they sang along and danced in the car. That memory makes me smile. I know Mike will be missed terribly, and I pray for peace and comfort for his family and friends.

Brandy Humphrey - May 07, 2013 at 10:02 AM

BW

“ Mike was a friend and I will always remember the times at Fitzgerald Baptist Church and school days. You will be missed, Mike. We will keep you in our prayers.

Becky Jordan Weaver - May 06, 2013 at 10:56 PM

JS

“ Mike will be greatly missed. From working with his Mom, living next door to Mike and one of his girls and remembering when his Mom and I used to babysit his other girl, we have been blessed knowing this family. You are in our hearts.

Jerry and Judy Speer - May 06, 2013 at 10:17 PM

BM

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I have worked in state parks for quite a while. During this time I have met many people. Mike was one of those people that will always be remembered. He may have been a private person but one that always had a pleasant smile or word for his fellow employees. Rest in peace, Mike, you will be missed.

Brenda Mans - May 06, 2013 at 08:38 PM

KW

“ *Thinking of you at this time and prayers for your loss. Mike was a wonderful person.*

Kay Kernodle Wittenberg - May 06, 2013 at 05:50 PM

MF

“ *I have worked in State parks for several years and have always look at Mike as one of the mentors to those of use who were coming up through the ranks. Mike, you are missed. My sincere condolences to the family.*

Monte Fuller - May 06, 2013 at 05:08 PM