



## Michael Gene Waters, Jr.

September 6, 1953 - September 29, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Michael Gene "Mike" Waters, Jr., a beloved husband, father, entrepreneur, and friend, who left us on September 29, 2025, at the age of 72. Born on September 6, 1953, in Macon, Georgia, Mike was a spirited soul who filled the lives of those around him with warmth and laughter.

A graduate of Gordon High School, Mike's journey took a significant turn when he met the love of his life, Jane Tanner, at a gathering in the parking lot of a Shoney's Restaurant. Their love blossomed, leading to their marriage—a union filled with joy, adventure, and resilience. They built their lives together in Jonesboro, Georgia, where they raised their two children, Shaun and Alexandria "Ali" Blanton, both of whom reflect their father's strength and kindness.

Mike was a natural entrepreneur, known for his unwavering work ethic and creativity. He founded Waters & Sons Painting Company, which he ran successfully for many years, demonstrating his commitment to quality and service. His entrepreneurial spirit also led him to own a restaurant and a gift-wrapping business, showcasing his diverse talents and passion for life.

In 2022, Mike and Jane retired to St. Augustine, Florida, where Mike embraced the joys of retirement with enthusiasm. He quickly became a

cherished figure at Arnold's Bar & Grill, where his lively singing and dancing brought smiles and entertainment to guests- a testament to his free spirit and love for connection.

Mike is survived by his devoted wife, Jane Waters, and their children, Shaun Waters and his wife Krystal and Alexandria "Ali" Blanton and her husband Derek; a sister, Deborah Nelson and her husband Bill. He is also survived by his beloved 6 grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Chop Chop" His legacy will forever be etched in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a charity of your choice in his honor, reflecting the generosity that Mike exemplified throughout his life.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **St Johns Crematory**

385 State Road 207  
Saint Augustine, FL 32084

# Tribute Wall

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“*Dave and I didn't know Mike long enough we will sure miss him. Mike was such a good vibe person. He always made sure you were smiling or having a good laugh. Of coarse there was his great singing and dancing. I'm so great full to have known Mike. Rest In Peace Mike and hugs to you in heaven. "Prayers for Jane and the family"*



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**Diana olney** - October 14, 2025 at 10:14 PM

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“*I treasure the times I got to spend with Mike. Some of my favorites are the events that lead up to the Beach Bob kitty rescue, enjoying Mike singing at Arnold's karaoke (that deep smooth voice), listening to his life adventures & his Southern gentleman (sexy) style. I'm sure going to miss him. Praying for Jane & her beautiful family.*

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**Joanne Watson** - October 03, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“*I was with mike the night he met Jane we were so cool he had a brand new trans am on the way back home mike said I think she likes me I joked no she liked me then I said she liked your car. I think mike knew then that Jane was the one for him. Sending prayers to Jane and your family.RIP Mike you're friend Jim Goodman*

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**Jim Goodman** - October 03, 2025 at 10:45 PM

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“ We have already been missing Chopper Mike. He is in perfect shape now. Will miss seeing him around especially at the pool. Much love.

Deb and Dale - October 03, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ Corbin Overman, Lindsey Adams, Mark Over purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Gene Waters, Jr..



Corbin Overman, Lindsey Adams, Mark Over - October 03, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Mike was all fun and heart! He once showed up to our door in his bathrobe and furry hat with beers looking for my husband. Lol. We'll miss you Mike

Melissa Netzer - October 03, 2025 at 10:46 AM