



Charles Michael Maze

August 4, 1952 - June 9, 2017

Charles Michael Maze, 64, of Kimberly, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 9, 2017. Visitation will be held Monday, June 12 from 6 until 8 p.m. at The New Gardendale Funeral Home, 2214 Decatur Hwy. Chapel services will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 11 am with burial at Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Pastor Larry Craig, Rev. Chris Burns, and Mr. Stuart Nash will be officiating. The New Gardendale Funeral Home will be directing.

Mike was the Associate Pastor of Cornerstone Church of Mt. Olive. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward & Maylene Maze; and sister Kay Pannell. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathy Maze; daughters Nicole (Chris) Burns of Maiden, NC; Noelle (Stuart) Nash of Hoover; adopted daughter Lalene Brewer of Huntsville; grandchildren Chris & Danielle Burns; Charlie & Henry Nash; brother Sam (Beverly) Maze of Kimberly; brother-in-law Horace Pannell of Morris; brother-in-law John (Becky) Hrivnak; and host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pastor Maze spent most of his life in ministry. Whether from the pulpit, comforting the hurting, or as a school administrator of Faith Covenant Academy in Huntsville. He was a graduate of Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee. He served on the Board of Regents of Oxford Graduate School and on the Board of Directors of Hope Place of Huntsville, Life Home Ministries, Covenant House North Alabama, and as Advisory Board Member

for Tennessee Valley Teen Challenge. He won Marketing and Management Awards, recognized by Outstanding Young Men of America and the Excellent Partner Award in 1995.

Pastor Maze authored Christian books and prayer guides as well as launched an enrichment center for those interested in ministry called Iron Sharpening Iron. He also planted churches, including Faith Covenant Church of Huntsville in 1987 which birthed a private and homeschool program that's still in ministry today. Hundreds of students passed through his office, many wanting to quit school and those who were told to give up. Pastor Maze was notorious for finding and digging out hidden potential in people.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the C. Michael Maze Memorial Scholarship Fund that will continue his heart of encouraging students to pursue their dreams through continuing education. Visit his Go Fund Me page to donate or follow the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/c-michael-maze-scholarship-fund>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Service

JUN **13.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Connell lit a candle in memory of Charles Michael Maze*



Joe Connell - June 13, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ *Rick Lucent lit a candle in memory of Charles Michael Maze*



Rick Lucent - June 13, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ I first met Mike in 1976. My sister-in-law worked with him at an insurance company and he was looking for someone to help him and his wife Kathy in their nursing home ministry.

Although we were worlds apart in our upbringing (I was from a big city in the north and he from a small town in the south), we had at least three common things; our love for corny jokes, our wives names (my wife's name is Cathy) and Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

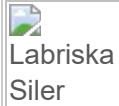
My wife Cathy and I worked with Mike and Dr. Kathy until our first son was born, almost five years. We had some very memorable moments together during those years.

When I found out his first name was Charles I couldn't help but call him Chuck and Chucky. He called me Ricardo. I love him calling me that. He's the only one that did and I'm probably the only one that called him Chucky.

My relationship with Mike blossomed unto a lifelong friendship. Even though in our later years we could go quite sometime between conversations, when we would speak again it was like we just continued the same conversation that we just left off.

I said that Mike and I had a lifelong friendship, actually it is an eternal friendship. I'll catch up to you in a little while Chuck, we'll share some laughs and corny jokes together.

Rick Lucent - June 13, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ Bro. Maze will be greatly missed, he was a kind and understanding pastor. We enjoyed his ministry he blessed us each time we was in church service at Huntsville, each time we visited them at their home we left blessed.



When he came to our house in Tullahoma, Tn. for bible study we were blessed. We love Bro. Maze and his family. Don, Anita, Labriska and Joseph Siler.

Labriska Siler - June 12, 2017 at 07:17 PM



“ Mike was a dear friend, a great co-worker and a very good influence in my life. All of you are in our prayers. Carl and Tonya Christopherson

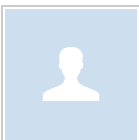
Tonya Christopherson - June 12, 2017 at 12:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Michael Maze.



June 12, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Michael Maze.



June 12, 2017 at 09:42 AM

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“ Mike you were a man with a loving heart who cared about others and their needs both spiritual and physical and a passion for our Lord and Savior. This what made you a good man and a good pastor. Buddy you will be missed in this present life. I'm going to miss you cous, Benny.

Ben Self - June 11, 2017 at 11:21 PM

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“ We were blessed to be a part of his ministry to people in the nursing homes of Huntsville. Mike preached and we all sang songs together there. He was always so patient and faithful with everyone. He set such a fine example to everyone who knew him. I am glad we will see him again in the coming Kingdom. Blessings and comfort to you all.



Mrs. Cathy Lucent

Cathy Lucent - June 11, 2017 at 08:40 PM

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More than twenty years ago, our daughter, Amanda, found her niche at Faith Covenant Academy. The Mazes did wonders in all areas of her life. The trophies and awards are still on display in her room. I did not know about Bro. Maze's homegoing and look forward to seeing him again. Love to Kathy and his family.

Sandra Montgomery - January 29, 2018 at 10:30 AM