



## Michael L. Haycook

September 17, 1960 - May 10, 2021

Michael Haycook, 60, of Whitehall, Ohio returned to his heavenly home Monday, May 10. He was born September 17, 1960 to William and Dorothy Haycook. He attended Lincoln Elementary School and attended Jr. High and Highschool in Bucyrus. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was part of the Attica Fire Department for a very short time. He completed the LCC Foundations class of Mansfield, and earned certifications after completing courses with the American Bible Academy. He was last employed with Goodwill, Industries of Columbus.

Michael loved God, treasured his family, and cared deeply for his many friends. His close companion was his bird JoJo, whom he considered more than a friend, his "buddy." He was a dedicated, faithful father, caring grandfather, loving brother, son, and an inspiring man of God. He had a passion for fishing and looked forward to defending his fishing title at the Swoneky Men's Camp every September. He had a joy for being involved with the Kairos prison ministry, sharing stories about how God used his gifts and testimony to open doors of hope and restoration to countless others.

Despite having debilitating pain in his back, hips, and knee, he selflessly volunteered many hours ringing the bell for the Salvation Army every Christmas season. Michael was quick to make an opportunity to share Jesus as his Lord and Savior, even to a stranger. He never missed a chance to

share the gospel of Jesus Christ and pray over or for you. His words, "You're in my heart and prayers." And he was sincere about it. This was his mission. He created a meaningful life serving others. Some of his well-known words and greetings to others he met or already knew were "Jesus loves you!", "Shalom Aleichem" which means "Peace be with you," and "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." His favorite scriptures were Philipians 4:13 and Isaiah 40:31.

Michael was gentle and kind, always having a tender heart for others. He didn't have much, but freely shared what he had. He was an active member (and retired deacon) of the Westphal Baptist Church in Whitehall, and commissioned as a certified Evangelist there. He also frequented the Salvation Army-East Main Worship and Service center each month.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William (Bill) and Dorothy (Kellerhals) Haycook. He is survived by his five children, Felicia Barnett (Destiny Johnson) of Mansfield, Amber Haycook of Willard, Jared Haycook of Willard, Karina Haycook of Sandusky, and Ashley Keeton (Mike) of Huron; his grandchildren, Landin, Serenity, Brayden, JessikaAnn, Penny, Caiden, and Adalynn; and three sisters, Barbara Hardin of Attica, Shirley Bisignano of Attica, and Peggy Tucker of Bucyrus.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 23, 2021, at 3:00pm at his church, Westphal Baptist Church, 780 Westphal Avenue, Whitehall, Ohio, 43213 with Pastor Toby Cambron officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Michael's family is requesting donations be made in his memory to the Salvation Army or the Kairos prison ministry. Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Mr. Michael Haycook.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Westphal Baptist Church  
780 Westphal Avenue  
Whitehall, OH 43213

# Tribute Wall



“ We knew Michael from Harbor on the Hill and Kairos Prison Ministry. He always had a kind and encouraging word for everyone. Michael was an inspiration to us with his willingness to share Jesus with everyone he encountered. We are sorry for your loss, however are praising God for Michael's healing.

*Blessings, Tom and Lisa Wolf*

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**Lisa Wolf** - May 20, 2021 at 07:04 AM

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“ May God comfort you in Michael's passing. He is home with the Lord. Touching lives with encouragement, kindness and serving God blessed those he came across. Until the family circle is connected, may you find peace in God's word.

*Love, David and Lelia Garcia*

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**Lelia Garcia** - May 19, 2021 at 11:48 PM