



## Michael John Blaylock

September 21, 1962 - January 30, 2021

Michael John Blaylock, 58, died peacefully on Saturday, January 30, 2021, at his home in Purcellville, VA.

Michael was born in Nyssa, Oregon to Dean Paul Blaylock and Carolyn Nelson, and raised on the family's dairy farm with his two sisters and four brothers. Michael attended Nyssa High School and graduated in the class of 1980. His childhood was marked by tractors, 4H prize-winning chickens, and sports, all while learning principles of service and hard work.

After graduating from Nyssa High School, Michael attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho for a year before departing to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Germany Dusseldorf Mission. Michael loved his full-time service to our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ and fondly shared these memories with his family and youth in the Church as often as he could.

After completing his missionary service, Michael enrolled at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where he enjoyed countless sporting opportunities, studies, and social events. Through these social activities and mutual friends, he was introduced to Kaylene Turner of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and they were married on June 20, 1987, in Boise, Idaho.

Michael graduated from Brigham Young University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy - Crop Science and completed a Master of Science degree in 1988 in Agronomy - Soil Fertility. Michael then went on to receive his Ph.D. in Soil and Environmental Chemistry in 1992 from the University of Maryland - College Park.

Michael spent most of his professional career at Edenspace Systems Corporation, including seven years as the President and CEO. During the last year of his career, he worked as a Senior Contracts Administrator at Mosaic ATM in Leesburg, Virginia. Through his professional endeavors, he assisted with twenty-nine Environmental Science Publications, led numerous multidisciplinary projects, and patented seven new environmental technologies.

Michael is loved and remembered for his devotion to his family, unshakeable faith and service, and his sense of humor. His Church responsibilities included time spent serving as a youth advisor, Young Men's President, Bishop, service missionary, and teacher. His focus was always outward, as he exemplified true Christlike service. He spent many summers leading youth service and scout camping trips, making connections with youth over the years, and was always one joke away from a laugh and accompanying eye-roll.

He will be forever remembered by his wife, companion, and best friend of 34 years, Kaylene; his five children Braedon, Berrett (Jenny), Kendall (Kandice), Tamasen (Daniel) Cannon, and Bryson; his brothers and sisters Becky (Robert) Clinton, Alan (Kathy), Scott (Linda), David (Penny), Roger (Julie), and Elizabeth "Buffy" (Juan) Rodriguez. He is also survived by one granddaughter Tatum, with one grandson on the way, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The funeral service will be Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 11:00am. Due to

the ongoing pandemic, COVID restrictions are in place and in-person attendance has been limited. We invite you to participate in the service virtually by joining via zoom (link listed below).

<https://zoom.us/j/96971270826?pwd=UWp1bXczRGNtU3RESnRqL2F4dTdGZz09>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Michael John Blaylock*



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**Pierce Funeral Home** - February 05, 2021 at 03:22 PM

CG

“ *I worked under Mike at Phytotech, Inc., in New Jersey, at the time we were starting our careers and lives. He was a wonderful mentor and person, I can not find a single fault in him. Professional, kind, loved his family. I am blessed to have known him and he had a positive impact on my life. Peace and best wishes to his family.*

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**Christopher Gussman** - April 26, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CG

“ *My sincere condolences to Mike's family. I was saddened to hear of his passing. I had the privilege of knowing and working with and for Mike in New Jersey during our time at Phytotech, Inc. I remember him as a hard working, kind, very intelligent person. Very patient with others. It was obvious he loved his wife and children (the younger two were born at the time I was working with him). It was a fun, exciting and interesting time working with him. I have not a single negative thought or memory of Mike and learned a lot from him during that time period. I had the pleasure of talking with him a couple times in later years though it has been some time. I am sure his family misses him terribly and I wish them all the best.*

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**Christopher Gussman** - February 09, 2023 at 01:18 PM

FC

“ I remember Mike fondly and respectfully from the days we worked together at Edenspace Systems Corporation. Mike's scientific vision and creativity were matched by his kindness and patience in dealing even-handedly with all of our company's stakeholders, ranging from employees to customers, investors and the general public. He always had his eyes on tomorrow, a relentless problem solver who was undaunted by setbacks and enormously encouraged by our successes. He made everyone around him better. We will miss him terribly. I'm so sorry for the loss his amazing family is experiencing.

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**Forrest Chumley** - February 12, 2021 at 04:17 PM

RL

“ When Magen and I moved to Purcellville in 2005, Mike was the scoutmaster in the Hamilton Ward. My very first calling in the ward was serving as his assistant scoutmaster. I remember being extremely impressed with Mike's composure, wit, and compassion when dealing with those very surly, rambunctious scouts. Mike knew his scouting and he loved the boys. He made a tremendous impression on me, and I learned a lot through the years from watching him serve. It was a pleasure for me to participate with him at campouts, high adventures, courts of honor, church basketball games, ward councils, and book groups. I will remember Mike as a Renaissance-man of sorts, who knew something about almost everything -- science, agriculture, athletics, music, the gospel, politics, and much more. As a father I really appreciated his commitment to his own family as well as his commitment to the young men of our ward and community. My son, Elijah, said, “...he was a great friend.” He was a great friend -- and a wonderful leader and mentor. Thank you for sharing him with us. He will be sorely missed. I can truly say that I feel richer for having known him.



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**Rich Lambert** - February 11, 2021 at 11:22 PM

CK

“ We just absolutely loved our Bishop Blaylock and will always remember him with a smile on his face, a quick laugh and the eye roll. Love and comfort to you all during this time. My heart mourns the loss of a loving man, spouse, father, and child of God. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

*Comfort and healing blessings,  
The Kittinger Family*

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**Chris Kittinger** - February 11, 2021 at 01:31 PM

ME

“ I will always remember Mike. I first met Mike in 1988 while we were pursuing our doctorates the University of Maryland. We developed a fast and long-lasting friendship that very day. While we went our separate ways after graduating together, we were able to begin working together for about 15 years at both Phytotech and then Edenspace Systems Corporation. I respected his hard work ethic and the brilliant, problem-solving mind he had. I recall how one of these brilliant ideas formed the basis for a proposal that when awarded was the largest grant received by Edenspace. It was a pleasure working side-by-side and day-by-day with this amazing scientist.

Working together increased our friendship even outside of work. We would often have lunch together and talk about sports, religion, or our families. Mike had a strong love for our Lord, Jesus Christ that we both share. We saw things in the same way on a host of issues (such as politics and religion) so it was comforting to talk to Mike about them. I left Edenspace in 2011 to pursue other opportunities but I still remained in contact with Mike, still having lunch together at times when both of us could get away. It was always great to catchup with Mike and reminisce about the old times!

Mike was always joyful and smiling, never one to get mad. In fact, I had never seen Mike mad in all our days together. He was always poised and kept his composure even under stressful work conditions - and working at small businesses, did we have them!

Mike was a great friend and one that I will always miss. He is certainly with our Lord Jesus right now and is now helping to bring comfort to his wife, family, and friends. Rest in Peace, Mike.

Sincerely,

Mark Elless





**Mark Elless** - February 10, 2021 at 11:03 PM

ME

“ *Margaret Kasim and Mark Elless purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



**Margaret Kasim and Mark Elless** - February 09, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 08, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 08, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 08, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 08, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 08, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Blaylock family Bishop Blaylock will be truly and deeply missed I thank God for putting Bishop Blaylock and family in my life his smile and laughter kindness and love he showed to me and my family as our Bishop and truly a friend Will always be in my heart rest in heavenly arms dear friend with love the green family*



**teresa green** - February 08, 2021 at 04:16 AM

BF

“ *Bartley Family lit a candle in memory of Michael John Blaylock*



**Bartley Family** - February 07, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 06, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 06, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael John Blaylock.*



February 06, 2021 at 05:22 PM

VH

“ *May Michael Rest In Peace & may his family be consoled. I'm somewhat of a neighbor, living near Harpers Ferry, and an NHS graduate. May God bless you all.*

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**Victor Haburchak** - February 06, 2021 at 03:27 PM

RB

“ *Our condolences to the Blaylock family. We were privileged to be neighbors on Columbia. Such a fine family! Ruth and Duane Buchtel*

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**Ruth and Duane Buchtel** - February 06, 2021 at 01:02 PM

BF

“ *Barker Family lit a candle in memory of Michael John Blaylock*



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**Barker Family** - February 05, 2021 at 06:24 PM