



## Michael Wayne Fortenberry

September 19, 1955 - September 19, 2014

September 20, 2014

Mr. Michael Wayne Fortenberry, age 59, of the Salem Community, died Friday at his home. He had been in poor health for the past two years.

Mr. Fortenberry was born September 19, 1955, in Brinkley, and was the son of Franklin Fortenberry and Virginia Geisler Fortenberry Byrd. He lived in the Salem Community all of his life, was a cattleman, and a rural letter carrier for the Forrest City Post Office. He was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church, the Rural Letter Carriers Association and the Arkansas Cattleman's Association.

Mr. Fortenberry married Cindy Wood in 1974, and she survives him along with two daughters; Brandy Fortenberry Yarbrough, and husband, Landon, of Brinkley, and Camille Fortenberry Goshein, and fiancé, Ray Schlink, of Southaven, Mississippi, parents; Derward and Virginia Byrd of the Salem Community, one brother, Alan Byrd, and wife, Devonda, of Little Rock, father-in-law, Wilbur Wood, and wife, Mary Dell, of Palestine, three grandchildren;

Erin Smith, Hannah Yarbrough, and Claire Yarbrough. He had a brother, Gary Fortenberry, sister, Karen Fortenberry Crisp, and mother-in-law, Jorene Wood, all preceded him in death.

Services for Mr. Fortenberry will be held at the Salem United Methodist Church, 11:00 A.M., Monday, with Burial in the Salem Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday evening, 5:00 till 7:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry. Memorials may be made to the Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, % Derward and Virginia Byrd, 4146 Hwy 259 N., Palestine, Arkansas, 72372, or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73123.

# Cemetery Details

## Salem

Goodwin, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 5:00 AM - 7:00 AM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
info@stevensfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Methodist Church  
Salem Community, AR

## Interment

SEP 22 (CT)

Salem Cemetery  
Goodwin, AR



# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *I have wonderful memories of Mike. No matter where you saw him he was always friendly, courteous and smiling.*

*Sharye Hamilton Burrow*

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**Sharye Burrow** - September 22, 2014 at 10:04 AM

JH

“ *Mrs. Cindy, Brandy, and Camille, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Mike was such a kind and honorable man. I pray for God's comfort for you now.*

*Jennifer Linam Hobbs*

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**Jennifer Hobbs** - September 22, 2014 at 09:17 AM

NJ

“ *Cindy and girls,  
I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my prayers for our Lord's grace, mercy, and peace to be with you during your time of grief and loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Nanci Jarrett*

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**nanci jarrett** - September 21, 2014 at 09:55 PM

DH

“ *Dear Cindy, Virginia, Derward, Alan and other extended family members. Our deepest deepest sympathy in your lose, Mike fought a good fight. We pray for your family at this time of grief. May God be with you.*

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**Doug and Darlene Hunt** - September 21, 2014 at 07:17 PM

DG

“ *Cindy, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful person. Love Debbie Gilliam*

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**Debbie Gilliam** - September 21, 2014 at 09:05 AM

AH

“ *Mike was always smiling and had such a wonderful spirit. I can remember way back in the day we were over in the cow pasture playing softball as we (the community) did most every Sunday afternoon. He slid into base and dislocated his shoulder, it looked awful and had to go to chiropractor and have it put back in place. Mike just made life a better place to be and he will be missed dearly and remembered fondly.*

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**Annette Hamilton** - September 20, 2014 at 04:01 PM