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## **Michael Bea Whitehead**

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**M**ichael Bea Whitehead, 72, passed away from pancreatic cancer on Friday, October 19, 2018 at home, surrounded by family. The Ironton native was born July 24, 1946 to Anna Crabtree Whitehead and Homer Whitehead. Michael was a 1964 graduate of Ironton High School and went on to play football for Capital University, graduating in 1969. He obtained his Masters Degree in Education from Xavier University. Most people will remember him as an Ironton Junior High and High School principal where he was a champion for teachers and students alike. His was a lifetime of service. He coordinated the Adult Basic Education program, was a past Rotary president and was dedicated to his church, Community of Christ. Michael served as pastor and came out of retirement to oversee the building of their fellowship hall, which is used for many community activities. Michael was an avid outdoorsman. He loved being surrounded by God's nature. He is preceded in death by his parents, Anna and Homer and brother, David Whitehead. Michael is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sharon Anne Standard Whitehead; daughters Dr. Nichelle (Robert) Whitehead-Collins, Dr. Kristin Whitehead, Andrea (Blake) Hixon; grandsons Maxwell Stephan, Miles Stephan, Sascha Posch, Elijah Posch, Avery Hixon and Beck Hixon. He also is survived by two sisters and one brother, Carolyn (Bob) Waddle, Mary (Bobby) Williams, and John (Sina) Whitehead; his niece and nephew, Christine (Seth) Sammons, Marcus (Ashley) Williams and great nephews and niece, Zayne Williams, Demir Curtis, Ezra Williams and Isley Williams. Michael desired for friends and family to gather informally to share in fellowship and food. A celebration of his life will be on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 12pm to 3pm at Community of Christ (Fellowship Hall), 308 N Ellison Street, Ironton, Ohio. For those who wish, donations may be made to the Community of Christ building fund to support the Fellowship Hall, which was dear to his heart, PO Box 566, Ironton, Ohio 45638. Also, donations may be sent to Community Hospice, 2029 S



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3rd Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638. Hall Funeral Home and Crematory Proctorville, OH assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to [ehallfunerahome.com](http://ehallfunerahome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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LP

**Lee Ann Pretzman** posted:

Dear Sharon, I am so sorry to hear that Mike has departed so quickly. he is restored now as a new beloved of the Lord. Please know that you and your loved ones are in my prayers and in my heart at this time. Love, Lee Ann Pretzman

October 25 at 5:47 PM

KC

**Kirk & Judy Cross** posted:

Judy and I send our deepest thoughts and prayers to you at the loss of your companion. His life was an example that we all should try to emulate. Blessing on you and your family. Kirk and Judy Cross

October 23 at 8:21 AM

DP

**David Payne And Lee Payne** posted:

Sharon and family, Michael made a difference in our lives. We will never forget our time on High Adventure. It brings a smile to our faces. Love the M&M story.

October 22 at 7:58 AM

ML

**Mary Langlois** posted:

Sending Love to all.

October 19 at 8:11 PM

MJ

**Mark & Jody** posted:

Our hearts go out to Sharon and the family. Mike was an inspiration to us in so many ways. He was a blessing to so many. We will always hold him in our hearts and prayers that you all find comfort in knowing Mike is at peace with our LORD!

October 19 at 6:26 PM

SM

**Stacey McGowan** posted:

I know about now you've heard I'm sorry a thousand times sorry never fixes anything they say time heals all I know what the family is going through I've been there with my father and may God be with you and your family love the McGowan and white family God bless

October 19 at 3:30 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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