



## Michael H. Freels

December 1, 1948 - September 10, 2024

Michael H. Freels, age 75, of Georgetown, KY, formerly of Henderson, passed away at 3:23 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at his home surrounded by the love of his family.

Michael was a lifelong educator. In 1970, he began his teaching career at City High before moving to Henderson County High School six years later when the high schools merged into one. In the late 1980s, Michael was the Assistant Principal at South Jr. High. In 1991, he became Principal of Seventh Street Elementary School. Following that, he went to the central office and served as Deputy Superintendent. In 2000, after three decades serving his community, Michael retired from the Henderson County School System. He then worked as director for Murray State University's Henderson regional campus for 16 years. During many of these 16 years with Murray, Michael was involved in the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. He had a vested interest in the economic development of his community.

Being a grandfather who wanted to be closer to his family prompted the move from Henderson to Georgetown, KY in 2016. There he worked for the next 5 years as an advisor in the Education Department at Georgetown College.

Michael appreciated quality family time at Kentucky Lake, relaxing on the water fishing and boating. He loved haggling on a good deal for cars, trucks,

and boats. He was a great cook and was well known for his BBQ chicken and pork. He was a big UK fan, especially basketball. More than anything, Michael's greatest love was his family.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents Hughes and Gloria (Schumacher) Freels.

Michael is survived by his wife Carla (Clem) Freels, son Kyle Freels, daughter-in-law Alison (Collier) Freels, grandson Korbin Freels, granddaughter Khloe Freels, sister & brother in law Janet (Freels) and Tim Pruitt, sister & brother in law Joan (Freels) and Jack Hancock, nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to Michael's Life Celebration from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Sunday and again on Monday starting at 9:00 a.m. at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at [www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fernwood Cemetery

Henderson  
KY 42420

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

SEP **15.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
email@bentonglunttapp.com  
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## Life Celebration

SEP **16.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

YD

“ So sorry to hear of Mike’s passing. He was a man among men! He touched so many lives and will live on with us! I know he’s calling roll in Heaven and making unforgettable comments to each student; he loved us all with his smile, his wit, and hugs of greeting! I taught with him and he blessed my sons as their mentor. May God comfort you as a family. Much love, Vonnie Draper, Duncan and Will 📖📚

Yvonne Draper - November 26, 2024 at 10:40 AM

BG

“ Bill Goodyear lit a candle in memory of Michael H. Freels



Bill Goodyear - October 03, 2024 at 09:15 AM

ST

“ I knew him well, although I never had him for a teacher. He seemed to know every student's name and would call it out if you were not passing to the next class in a quiet and orderly manner. The Freels and the Glovers were long-time friends. My sympathies to all.

Susan (Glover) Taylor - September 20, 2024 at 07:19 PM

MC

“ *Carla, Kyle, Alison and family,  
We are so very sorry to hear this sad news. A good man gone too soon. Our prayers are with you as you grieve your great loss. We wish you comfort and peace.  
With our deepest sympathy,  
Tony and Marti Casalino*

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**Marti Casalino** - September 16, 2024 at 11:51 AM

SJ

“ *So very sorry to read this. My condolences to the family. He was a great teacher and made all who knew him feel special. He will be missed by many.*

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**sue jackson** - September 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM

SC

“ *I'm so very sorry for you loss. Sincerest condolences Kyle, to you, your Mom and your family as you lay your Dad to rest. May your heart and mind be filled with memories of joy. - Scarlett Cornish*

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**Scarlett Cornish** - September 14, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael H. Freels.*



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September 14, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. I'm sure he made a difference in many lives through his career in education. As you all go through this journey of grief, may your hearts be assured that Our Lord walks with you. He will bring you comfort, peace and love. With Sympathy and Love, Phyllis VanCleave

Phyllis VanCleave - September 13, 2024 at 09:24 PM



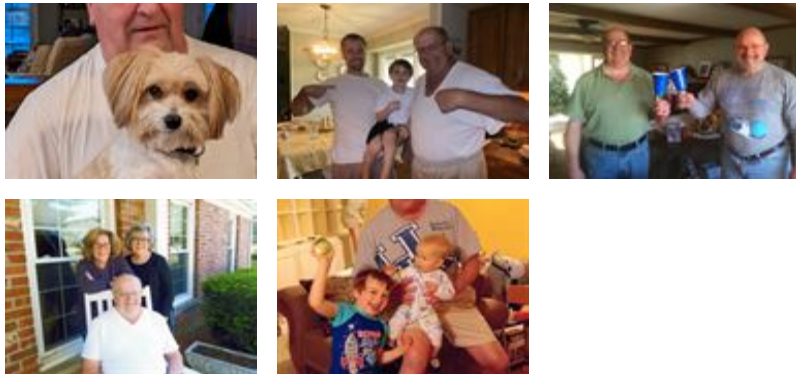
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael H. Freels.



September 13, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - September 13, 2024 at 03:09 PM

JG

“ Mike was my teacher in High School and became a family friend like no other. We cooked together and I expanded my love for cooking with Mike and my family loved his Saturday visits when we would make homemade cinnamon rolls bigger and better than Cinnibon. I wish I could celebrate his life with you.

Thank you Mike for all the memories and kindness and constant support. We will miss you my Sweet Friend

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**Julie Oettle Gray** - September 13, 2024 at 12:46 PM

BF

Mike Freels was a role model for me. He was my home room teacher and someone that you could share your problems with as well as your triumphs. I have numerous memories but the two that stick out the most were: trading the Freels family fresh harvested local rabbits for their creamy chocolate fudge. Fudge for rabbits, that was a no brainer. Secondly the time I was walking to home room and Mike was out greeting every student that walked by. That day I acted like I was going to hit him in his face to get him to flinch. However he turned into me to greet me and I hit him. Any other teacher would have sent me to the office to be expelled. No not

Mike, I took my punishment and added a friend.

Joan you became my sister that I never had and I still cherish those memories.

I know Mike was a great inspiration to many and I am honored to call him a friend.

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**Byron Farley** - September 20, 2024 at 09:12 PM

KW

“ Mike was my teacher in high school and made a huge difference in my life. He was like a second dad to me. He helped me get my first job and kept me on the right path. I will always be grateful for him. He had the best personality, laugh, and smile there ever was. Love to your family. Sure going to miss you.

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**Kim Robbins Watson** - September 13, 2024 at 08:49 AM

LS

“ Dear Joan: I remember your brother as being part of the school system when we were in High School. He was a character. He had a great personality and a huge smile. I am sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Odom Smith <><

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**Lynn M Smith** - September 13, 2024 at 07:42 AM

IF

“ In Loving Memory from The Collier Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael H. Freels.



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**In Loving Memory from The Collier Family** - September 12, 2024 at 08:25 PM

BW

“ Mike and I had been friends since first grade at Weaverton School. He and I were the youngest in our high school class and I always teased him that he was 25 days older than me. I also was in education with Mike. He will be greatly missed.

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**Barbara Whitfield** - September 12, 2024 at 08:07 PM