



Michael Douglas Wratchford

Michael Douglas Wratchford, age 59, of Norfolk, VA, formerly of Moorefield, WV, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at his residence.

Born September 29, 1961, in Petersburg, WV, he was the youngest son of the late Mose and Clara (High) Wratchford. He was also preceded in death by a nephew, Lester Wratchford and a niece, Jenny Sparkman.

Michael graduated from Moorefield High School and the International Beauty School in Cumberland, MD. He was the owner of the Salon Je T'Aime in Norfolk and was a member of Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren in Moorefield. He is survived by three brothers, Marvin J. Wratchford and wife, Sharyn and Allen R.

Wratchford and wife, Linda, both of Moorefield; Steven C. Wratchford and wife, Karen, Purgitsville, WV; three sisters, Judy A. James and husband, Charles, Bunker Hill, WV; Carol S. Zirk, Moorefield; Mary "Kathy" Berg and husband, Roger, Maysville, WV; six nieces; seven nephews; numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews; one aunt, Peggy High and one uncle, George "Jerry" High and wife, Vickie, both of Purgitsville.

After graduating from high school, Michael moved to Hampton Roads and remained there for the remainder of his life. He was a talented artist, creative and inventive, and could fix almost anything. He offered his help and expertise freely to those around him. He was accepted for who he was and was loved for it. He also had a playful side and loved to prank people. Michael will be remembered and missed by many who crossed his path. He was a loving and caring soul and those that knew him will hold him near and dear to their hearts forever. His family and friends are saddened that he is gone but know that he is safe and free from the troubles of life. He leaves us with lasting memories to cherish until we meet again.

A private family graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at the Green Hill Cemetery in Purgitsville with Pastor Gary Shirk officiating.

Please honor the COVID-19 precautions of wearing a mask and observing social distancing.

Memorial donations can be made in Michael's name to the LGBT Life Center, 247 W. 25th St., Norfolk, VA 23517. This was a charity dear to his heart.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Elmore Funeral Home, Moorefield.