

Philip Mickle Browning

Philip Mickle Browning, of Monroe, a loving father and husband, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2011, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. He was born April 6, 1959, in Lowndes County to Mary Dunn Browning and Heyward C. Browning. He graduated from Lowndes High School in 1977 and lived in the Atlanta area for the past 25 years.

Mr. Browning attended St. Anna's Catholic Church in Monroe and was employed as a senior maintenance mechanic in the Facilities Management Department at Oxford College of Emory University in Oxford. He loved his work and enjoyed participating in the alternative spring break trips building houses for Habitat for Humanity in Mobile, Ala., and also building a church after the destruction of Hurricane Katrina near Gulf Shores, La. Mickle was the 2009 recipient of the Pierce Award for Staff Leadership for demonstrating admirable leadership, dedication, and service to Oxford College and its students. He is being honored as the recipient again this year.

Mr. Browning was married to Victoria Serenta on May 28, 1994. He enjoyed camping, fishing and NASCAR with her and their three children. He proudly attended their band concerts, soccer games and awards ceremonies. He also enjoyed helping his sons in scouting activities and helped with woodcrafts at Monroe Cub Scout day camp.

Mr. Browning was preceded in death by his father, Heyward C. Browning, and father-in-law Arthur James Serenta Jr. Survivors include his wife of 16 years, Victoria Serenta Browning, daughter, Callie, and sons Kevin and Chance, all of Monroe; sister Nelda (Jack) Joiner; brothers Wendell (Dena) Browning and Heyward Browning, of Valdosta, Martin (Jean) Browning, of Loganville, Steven Browning and Russell (Karmen) Browning, of Valdosta; mother, Mary Browning, of Valdosta; mother-in-law, Thelma Iddings, of Marianna, Pa.; sister-in-law, Patricia (Michael) Milan, of Rices Landing, Pa.; brother-in-law, Arthur Serenta III, of York, Pa.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Our hearts are heavy...we miss Mickle.

Services for Mr. Browning will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8, at St. Anna's Catholic Church in Monroe. Interment will immediately follow in Honey Creek Woodlands in Conyers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Philip Mickle Browning Memorial Fund at First Athens Bank & Trust, Attn: Brad Sheffield, PO Box 728, Monroe, GA 30655; to the Youth Group of St. Anna's Catholic Church in memory of Mickle Browning, Attn: Church Youth Group, 836 E. Spring St., Monroe, GA 30655; or to Oxford College Alternative Spring Break in Memory of Mickle at Oxford College of Emory University, Attention: Development and Alumni Relations, 100 Hamill St., Oxford, GA 30054.

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