Obituary

# Henderson

Michael Henderson entered the world July 9, 1955, to parents Coy B Henderson and Cora Elaine Morris in Chickasha Oklahoma. Awaiting his arrival were two older sisters, Cathy Smith and Brenda Pearson, and the three of them received one more sister to add to their clan.

Mike grew up in Blanchard, Oklahoma and graduated from Blanchard High School in 1973 after accumulating many athletic accolades, and to this day he would tell people about playing for the great Coach Sonny Vermillion.

Mike married Venita "Venie" Jean Hammond in 1978, and after winning too many disco dance competitions to count, they had Michael Chase Henderson on February 15, 1981, and Chassie Brooke Hamer on October 24, 1983. Unfortunately, Venie was taken from all of them in 1993.

Mike had many professional endeavors, including selling Christmas trees, boats, boots or load of "bs" from time to time. If anyone ever questioned his gift of sales, he'd proudly show you his belt buckle evidencing he had sold over $1,000,000 worth of boots.

While in Dallas, Mike laced the cleats back up, cut the sleeves off his jerseys, wore the tightest pants he could find, and embarked on a men's slow pitch career with the Austin Avenue A's which took him from coast to coast, and the brothers he found on these travels have remained brothers to this day.

Thanks to his mother's match-making services while a patient at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital, he met the other great love of his life, Joy Mathews, who just happened to be Cora's nurse. Joy gave him a run for his money and was the only person on the face of the planet who could put him in his place, something he didn't like to admit. He was also blessed with two bonus daughters, Autumn Mathews and Jaycee Mathews. He loved Joy with every part of him, and you could overhear him say "hey Siri, call Joy" approximately 51 times a day.

Anyone who Mike could get to listen, would hear about those amazing grandkids of his. Brielle, Blake, Brennan and Beckett Hamer and Parker Henderson. Mike never missed a birthday party, making Christmas magical and gave them all of his words of wisdom, even if they didn't want to hear it. Pawpaw Mike was also one of the biggest supporters of his granddaughter Parkers' 2 &1/2 year battle with Leukemia when she was diagnosed at the age of 8. Whether it was recording himself singing and dancing to the song "No Easy Way out" from the Rocky IV soundtrack when she was really needing a smile and it was hard to find one or calling Chanel 4 In your corner when the AC wasn't working on the 10th floor of OU Children's Hospital he made sure to remind her that she was going to win her fight against cancer and was in the front row Match 18, 2024 when she rang her victory bell. Pawpaw Mike also adopted 10 other tween-age girls and was one of the founding members of the Oklahoma Eagles 2k13 Eagles Nest, where you could often find him eating hibachi, drinking Gatorade zero, or getting tricked into being a part of a TikTok dance video. Pawpaw Mike ALWAYS showed up with a cooler full of frog togs, a beach umbrella that he had affixed to his wagon with bungees and reminded them every other half inning that it was time to "HIT THE BALL HARD!". No doubt Mike is now the Eagles angel in the outfield, or as we called it "the timeout tent."

Greeting Mike in heaven the evening of Saturday May 30, 2026 were his parents, and those left to carry on his legacy of living and loving hard are his wife Joy and girls, Autumn and Jaycee, his son Chase Henderson and his wife Kate and granddaughter Parker, and his daughter Chassie Hamer and her husband Paul, and grandkids Brielle, Blake, Brennan and Beckett. He will also continue his now heavenly watch over sisters, Cathy Smith and Brenda Pearson, and his two chosen brothers Johnny Sill and Casey Foster, along with a number of cousins, nieces, nephews, and a host of other chosen family who had the privilege of being in his orbit.

Mike Henderson lived life exactly the way he wanted to—full throttle, with a generous heart, a quick smile, and a willingness to help anyone who crossed his path. He never met a stranger, loved fiercely, and would give the shirt off his back to someone in need, or just because he didn't want to wear one anymore because it was hot.

Once Mike decided you were one of his people, you were his for life.

Mike's happiest moments were often the simplest ones. Shooting fireworks all night long (at times way too close to the propane tank) on the 4th of July during one of his legendary 4th of July parties. You could find him at a ballpark before most people had finished their morning coffee, enjoying a Frito chili pie loaded with jalapeños for breakfast. If there was a pond nearby, chances were Mike was standing on the bank, determined to wear the fish out. When hunting season rolled around, he'd be outside long before daylight and in the blind in the evening waiting for magic hour.

His sense of responsibility to others wasn't something he turned on and off—it was simply who he was. One day, after seeing an older Walmart security employee fall while trying to stop a bike thief, she pointed in the direction of the fleeing suspect and yelled, "Get 'em!" Without hesitation, Mike took off in pursuit, chasing the thief across the interstate. He recovered the stolen bike and returned it to its rightful owner, the details preceding this return we are not at liberty to discuss. When Walmart later asked if they could display his photo at the store entrance as a local hero, Mike politely declined. Recognition was never what motivated him, helping people was.

Mike's life was defined by loyalty, kindness, adventure, and a genuine love for people. He had a way of making everyone feel welcome, valued, and cared for. His stories, laughter, and larger-than-life presence will be missed beyond measure, but the impact he made on the lives of those who knew him will never fade. It's been said that the only measure of your worth and your deeds will be the love you leave behind when you're gone. Mike Hendersons worth will always be priceless.

Though our hearts are heavy with his loss, we find comfort in remembering a man who truly lived. Mike leaves behind a legacy of generosity, friendship, and unwavering devotion to the people he loved.

And if heaven has ballparks, fishing ponds, and plenty of jalapeños, there's no doubt Mike has already found them.

A viewing was held from 12:00 – 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Eisenhour Funeral Home in Blanchard. A funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Blanchard First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Blanchard Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Eisenhour Funeral Home. Online obituary and guestbook are available at www.eisenhourfh.com

# HEROES

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formation is welcome.

"If all you have is a name, a photo, and a few details, send it anyway," said staff at Central Oklahoma Weeklies. "We would rather honor someone with a little information than miss the opportunity to recognize them entirely."

Readers are encouraged not to assume a loved one's story is already known or that someone else will submit it.

Too often, remarkable stories remain untold. A short submission today can become something family members keep for decades.

Many past participants have kept copies of the section as keepsakes, preserving stories and photographs for children, grandchildren, and future generations.

Submissions may be brief or detailed. Staff will work with what is provided, and additional information may be requested when possible.

To submit a hometown hero, email editor@tuttletimes.com or contact Central Oklahoma Weeklies. Photos are encouraged, especially military portraits, service photos, and current images.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, June 26.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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| ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.<br><br>Plaintiff,<br><br>vs.<br><br>VICTOR R. SAFFORD, et al.<br><br>Defendant(s) | No: CJ-2026-18 |

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Victor R. Safford, Spouse of Victor R. Safford, Robert Safford

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before July 15, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may have in the following-described real estate (property) situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The West 330 feet of the Northwest 8.9 acres of Lot One (1), Section 30, Township Six (6) North, Range Four (4) West, McClain County, Oklahoma

Commonly known as: 10054 180th St, Alex, OK 73002

for the sum for:

| Reason: | Amount: |
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| Unpaid Principal Balance | $79,690.39 |
| Date of Default | June 1, 2025 |
| Interest Due From | May 1, 2025 |
| Interest Rate(s) | 3.75000 % |

*or as adjusted by the Note and Mortgage

including all advances by Plaintiff, if any, for taxes, insurance premiums, or expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, all costs of this action, reasonable attorney`s fees and costs as the Court may allow, and the costs of foreclosing your interest in the property and ordering said property sold with or without appraisement as Plaintiff may elect, all of which you will take due notice.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 1st day of May, 2026.

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# CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to oceans.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
**(Hint: 25 = E)**

**A.** 6 23 9 25
*Clue: Rising and falling of the sea*

**B.** 16 25 13 20 25 25 9
*Clue: Kelp*

**C.** 16 13 26 6 24
*Clue: Full of sodium*

**D.** 9 25 8 6 12
*Clue: Distance from top to bottom*

Answers: A. tide B. seaweed C. salty D. depth