



Michael C. Bookout

September 15, 1943 - July 28, 2025

Michael C. Bookout, 81, of Losantville, passed away on the evening of Monday, July 28, 2025, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born on September 15, 1943, in Muncie, Indiana, a son of the late Ward Soloman Bookout and Beulah May (Craw) Bookout Gallnitz.

Mike was a machinist, a farmer, and a tinkerer. On the exterior, he could come across a bit gruff, but on the inside, he was generous to a fault. He was loved by all, and especially by children.

Mike was a 1962 graduate of Mooreland High School and retired from Delco Remy in Anderson after many years as a tool and die maker. He was a member of the UAW #662 and a longtime dedicated member of the National Rifle Association.

He grew up on the family farm and farmed with his dad until Ward's passing in 1971. Mike then enjoyed farming with his son, Chris, until they decided to rent out the grounds in 1987. Mike was inspired to dig a lake on his property, which became a beloved gathering spot for family and friends.

Mike loved fishing and canning, especially with his daughter, Melissa. He enjoyed tinkering in his garage, gardening, and playing cards. Mike had a

special group of friends he loved to play dominoes with as often as possible. He was always hunting for his “next treasure” at auctions and flea markets. Mike and his son, Chris, spent three years restoring his pride and joy, a 1962 Corvette.

Mike closely guarded the secret recipe to the famous Bookout Salsa, which he made to perfection, and oversaw the salsa canning event, which became an annual gathering of family and friends. He and Sheila enjoyed wintering in Jacksonville, Florida, and enjoyed being a “Certified Snowbird.”

Those left to cherish Mike’s memory include the love of his life, Sheila Horton; a sister, Nancy (Ron) Ammerman of Jacksonville Beach, FL; two children, Michael Christopher (Karen) Bookout and Melissa Bookout, both of Muncie; two grandsons, Zachary and Spencer Bookout of Losantville; his former wife, Sandra Bookout of Muncie, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, August 3, 2025, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Bowlin officiating. Burial will follow in Mooreland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 12:00 pm until the time of the service, Sunday, August 3, 2025, at the funeral home.

You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Michael C. Bookout.

Cemetery Details

Mooreland Cemetery

7700 US 36
Mooreland, IN 47360

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Funeral

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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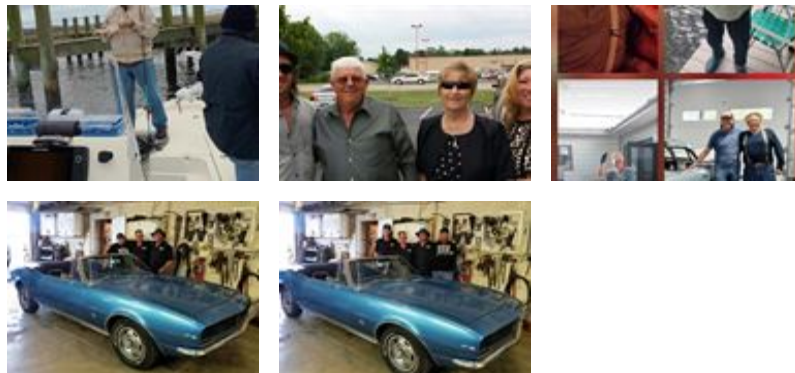
“ *i am going to miss him so much he made me feel very much like i was his daughter and he would take me out and do different things and i loved to hangout with him in the lake or just in the garden and i think that we all have hard time in life and that is what we are all going though right now i miss him alot i cant stop thinking about him*



Morgan - August 12, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ *196 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - August 02, 2025 at 10:40 PM

GF

“ *Gordon and Diane Fisher purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Michael C. Bookout.*



Gordon and Diane Fisher - August 02, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael C. Bookout.



August 01, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael C. Bookout.



August 01, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael C. Bookout.



July 31, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ Love Eddie Boozer and Rita Smith purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Michael C. Bookout.



Love Eddie Boozer and Rita Smith - July 30, 2025 at 06:49 PM

DH

“ I remember Mike as a fun-loving, caring, generous Father-in-law who offered me and anyone who visited him, a very warm welcome. He had a gift of hospitality.

Jesus said: "Don't be troubled...trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come and get you so that you will always be where I am".

May God our heavenly Father wrap His loving arms around you all in your time of sorrow, and grant you his peace, comfort, and hope.

With love from Reverend Sister Dawn Hudson xx

Dawn Hudson - July 30, 2025 at 07:47 AM

SD

“ Sarge, Amy, and Dolly purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Michael C. Bookout.



Sarge, Amy, and Dolly - July 29, 2025 at 10:17 PM

LR

“ He was always so nice to me. I got gas in my eyes and he was there to get it out. Happened one night ridding 3 wheelers on the Bookout farm. Fly high uncle Mike. You'll be missed by me. Sincerely Laura.

laura ridenour - July 29, 2025 at 10:02 PM

GP

To the wonderful Bookout family, my darling Melissa, your dad was one special guy. Seeing this crushes my heart for you. Your dad loved you and his family beyond bounds and I was proud to have known him. R.I.P. Mike, you will truly be missed. Gloria Taylor Prendergast.

Gloria Taylor Prendergast - July 31, 2025 at 04:55 AM

CH

I worked with Mike in the 70's. This world was a better place with Mike in it.

Chuck Hartzell - January 02 at 02:48 PM