
The final curtain
call has come for...
Michael
DEANDRE
COWLING JR.
...but he remains
a star in our hearts.

MCJ

THE LEGEND



A Celebration of Life

Sunday,
October 18th
2026

Service: 3pm

Freedom High School
511 Independence Blvd.
Morganton, NC 28655

Michael COWLING JR.

Sunrise: June 16, 2006 • Sunset: October 10, 2026





IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael DeAndre Cowling Jr., lovingly known as "Mikey," passed away on October 10, 2026. He was born on June 16, 2006, in Wooster, Ohio, and in his 20 years, he made a lasting impression on the lives of so many through his warmth, strength, and unmistakable presence.

Mikey graduated from Freedom High School and went on to work at Town Tavern as Kitchen Lead. He brought dedication and leadership to his work, and those who knew him recognized in him a natural leader with a caring heart. He was the kind of person who would stand up for anyone, offering loyalty, protection, and kindness without hesitation.

He loved life in a full and joyful way. Mikey enjoyed golfing, fishing, football, snowboarding, and spending time outdoors. He especially loved spending time on the lake with his friends, making memories in the places where he felt most free and at peace. He also loved shooting his dad's firearms and cherished the companionship of his two poodles, Roscoe and Roxie. Above all, Mikey could brighten any room with his smile, his laugh, and his presence, leaving behind memories that will be treasured by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He is survived with deep love by his father, Michael Cowling; his mother, Christy Denise Cowling; and his sister, Deja Cowling, and brother Tyler Cowling. He is also lovingly remembered by his loving grandparents Lanie Riggenbach and Ron Riggenbach. The love of his family surrounded him throughout his life, and that bond remains a lasting source of comfort and remembrance.

Mikey was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Charlene Cowling; his great-grandmother, Betty Jean Cowling; his aunt, Patricia Benford; his uncles, Willard Gibson and Douglas Cox; his cousins, Candace Cowling and Johnny Hughes; his maternal grandmother, Jenny Lewis Cox; and his maternal great-grandparents, Bertha Mae Watts and Kenny Watts. Their memories remain part of the family story that now holds Mikey close as well.

Mikey will be remembered for his big heart, his fearless loyalty, and the joy he brought into the lives of others. His time here was far too short, but the love he gave, the laughter he shared, and the light he carried will remain in the hearts of his family and friends always.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding Pastor George Logan

Processional Viewing 2:55PM

Musical Prelude- " Never Would Have Made It"..... Sung by Pastor Wesley Hendrix

Call To Worship.....Pastor George Logan

Scripture Readings..... Old & New Testament

Musical Selection ..... "Precious Lord"

Tributes ..... Please Keep To 2 Minutes

Musical Selection ..... "Amazing Grace"

Eulogy.....Pastor George Logan

Final Goodbye..... Mr. Mikey Cowling Sr.

Morticians Brief..... McCain Funeral Home

Recessional ..... "Go Rest High on That Mountain"

Committal & Burial ..... Forest Hill Cemetery

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Mikey We Love You!

































Freedom
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MILE HIGH
SWINGING BRIDGE
ELEV. 5278






FREEDOM
24


SUPERFAN







Floral Bearers

Deja Cowling
Bria Corpening
Kimber Wilson
Natalie Isaac
Peyton Bostian
Haylin Wisnant
Courtney Deal
Eva Wood
Amaria Edyerton
Zania Plumey
Kaylin Darveaux

Casket Bearers

Adarian Surratt
Hayden Dierdorf
Gage Ledford
Kenton Gupton
John Roger Hackett
Demarcus Lowrance
Christopher Hensley
Mekhi Harris
Jaylen Barnett
Royell O'Leary
Charlie Brown

In Appreciation

We, the family of Michael Cowling Jr. wish to express our deepest appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us in our hour of bereavement. Your sympathetic expressions in word and deed will remain in our hearts forever.
May God bless and keep you all.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Cowling Family

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