



## Michael Kenneth Helwig

December 6, 1976 - December 24, 2023

Michael Kenneth Helwig, age 47, of Old Hickory, TN, passed away on 12/24/2023, Christmas Eve, unexpectedly. He is survived by his loving wife, Robin Abbott, of Tennessee, her parents Jim and Bev Abbott, and her sister, Karin Edwards, of Illinois; his three children, Eva Helwig, of Tennessee, Laura Helwig, of Ontario, Canada and Samuel Helwig of Florida, and their mother, Leslie; his parents, Ken and Lorraine Helwig, of Ontario, Canada; his sisters, Nancy and John Ball of Florida, Lorretta Eve of Ontario, Canada and Kattie and Quest Hallman, of South Carolina; his many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and fans.

Michael grew up in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada and had a remarkable life. His love of adventure, surprise, the unknown and engines led to a teenage pastime of drag racing and motorcycles.

His career was Southern Gospel music and he sang with The Torchmen, Unashamed, The Wilburns, The Stamps quartet and the Blackwood Brothers. He was awarded Favorite First Tenor in 1997 by the Canadian Gospel Music Association and was a 2013 Inductee in the Memphis Music Hall of Fame with the Blackwood Brothers.

Michael faced some battles with various physical and mental health issues, but was working through them and looking forward to working on cars,

traveling, reading and taking his dog, Tesla on long walks. He and Robin had planned to move to the mountains where they could walk Tesla and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Michael's kind and loving nature was an inspiration to those he met. He was compassionate, empathetic, candid and extremely innovative. He was humble in his singing and unaware of how many lives and people he touched and encouraged through the years. His favorite passage of scripture was Psalm 91.

Michael will forever be in our hearts and his loved ones are grateful to know he is finally at peace.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Met him when he was with the Homesteaders in Mt. Home ,  
Ar.Great personality , great singer.What a loss .*

**Bruce Lowe** - November 27, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Michael was best buddies with my son, Mark Schanzenbach  
They grew up together, and attended the same Christian school  
A life lived for God and to His glory, what a great testimony he was.  
Sincerest symoathy*

**Annelie** - June 17, 2024 at 01:37 PM

JG

“ *I knew Michael from his tenure with The  
Wilburns. My heartfelt sympathy and  
condolences go out to his family, as well as  
my prayers as they grieve his loss!*



**Joyann G** - January 25, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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“ *I am so terribly sorry to hear of this. I considered Michael a good  
friend that I prayed for for many years. He was so brave and made  
some great steps forward after his initial diagnosis. That he was a  
gifted singer is an understatement. He sang from the heart and his  
faith was evident in his singing and that unforgettable smile. I  
continue to pray for his family. I will miss him greatly.*

**Martha Roman** - January 24, 2024 at 11:47 AM

MF

“ *Thinking of each one with Love and prayers for Peace and Comfort in the days ahead. May God bless each one daily is my prayer. Heaven gained another Angel. Take care and keep the Faith.*

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**Mildred H Long & Family** - January 23, 2024 at 11:56 AM