



## Michael Gusko

December 14, 1980 - May 18, 2021

North Augusta, SC—Funeral Services, celebrating the life of Christopher Michael Gusko, 40, who entered into eternal rest on May 19, 2021, will be conducted Thursday evening, May 27, 2021, at 6 o'clock in First Baptist Church of North Augusta with Dr. Stephen Cutchins and Rev. Roy Kiser officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 5 until 7.

Christopher Michael Gusko was born on December 14, 1980, and was raised in Shreveport, Louisiana and graduated from Caddo Magnet High School in 1999. During his high school years, he participated on the golf team, French club, and was an active member of the choir at Christ United Methodist Church. He married his wife, Jessica, in May of 2001. While residing in Louisiana, Michael was active in the Rotary Club, serving as President, and Pilots for Patients, an organization that gives flights to the ill for free. Michael and his family moved to South Carolina in early 2016 for Michael to continue to pursue his career in aviation. Michael was an active member of the First Baptist Church of North Augusta and the Christ In Us Sunday School Class. When he was not flying, he enjoyed spending time with his family, golfing, fishing out at the family's Boggy Gully in Monetta, grilling, and driving his daughter's crazy with dad jokes. Michael never met a stranger and loved his family with everything in him and managed the caretaking for his Mom and Poppy up until their passing. The family wishes to extend special thanks to Randy Bouknight, Randy Carpenter, and Joe and Susan Prothro for their love

and care over the past week.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, John Wesley Gusko; his grandparents, Simon and Laverne Bouknight and William and Ouida Gusko, and his uncle, Robert "Bob" Bouknight.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of twenty years, Jessica Ducote Gusko; his daughters, Hannah, and Emma Gusko; his mother, Sherri Bouknight Gusko of Shreveport, LA; his sister Beth Gusko Freeman and husband Stacey of Shreveport, LA; his aunt Susan Bouknight Prothro and husband Joe of Greenwood, SC; his uncles, Randy Bouknight and wife Pat of Greenwood, SC and Alex Gusko and his wife Jill of Pembroke Pines, FL, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Emma Gusko, Hannah Gusko, Simon Freeman, Stacey Freeman, Ryan Bouknight, Nathan Bouknight, Kyle Prothro, and Andrew Prothro.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Pilots for Patients at [www.pilotsforpatients.org](http://www.pilotsforpatients.org) or Angel Flight [www.angelflightsoars.org](http://www.angelflightsoars.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
(803) 278-1181  
admin@poseycares.com  
<https://www.poseycares.com>

## Service

MAY **27.** 6:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta  
602 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Gusko



Posey Funeral Directors - May 26, 2021 at 12:43 PM

BW

Our family watched Michael grow up, get married and greet his daughters. He always had a smile on his face. Though his family had moved away we saw him at different times. What a loss for everyone. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". May GOD be with you all. Betty Walker @Family.

Betty Walker - May 26, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ Michael Gusko

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Michael Gusko

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

PN

“ What an unfortunate terrible tragedy. Words can't express. Amie and I will continue to pray for God's grace to shower over Jessica, Hannah, Emma and the rest of his family and friends.

Pierce & Amie Nunley - May 29, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *David Frazier lit a candle in memory of Michael Gusko*

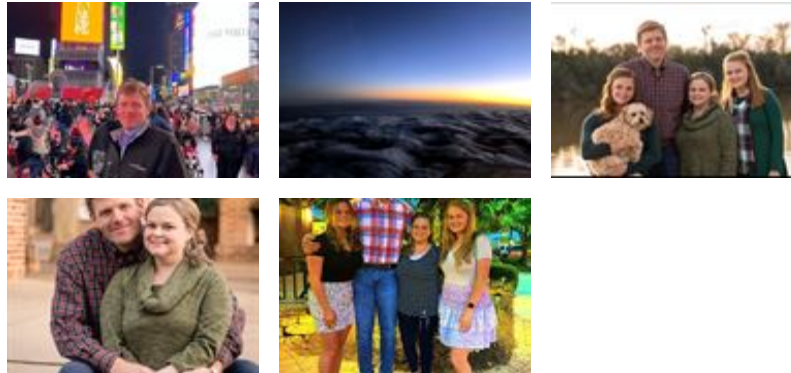


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**David Frazier** - May 26, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *95 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - May 26, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Gone too soon. We hear it said often, but this one really stings. Michael, you will be missed greatly! I can only imagine the void that Jessica, Hannah, Emma (and Londyn) are feeling. I pray God fills every empty space with His unfailing love so they may find comfort, peace, hope, and even joy in the days ahead. Your friends are most definitely missing you too. Fly High, Michael. We look forward to seeing you again on the other side.*

*Love,*  
*Kim, Hugh and the kids*

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**Kim Price** - May 26, 2021 at 12:03 PM

YP

“ Your family and friends at Alloy Piping Products purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Michael Gusko.



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**Your family and friends at Alloy Piping Products** - May 25, 2021 at 10:26 AM

MG

“ Michael and I bonded in the cockpit of the Hawker. We would often laugh at each other because of the silly grins on our faces. The question “what” was often spoken. The reply was usually what the other was thinking. Often one of us would declare “ if this Hawker is all we fly for the rest of my life that’s cool by me. What a blessing God has given me !” I really enjoyed calling Michael “Boss” out of respect. Took him a bit to call me “Gorilla” but he did eventually. He was an amazing fellow, a good friend, excellent aviator and one that I really enjoyed talking with about how blessed we were. Thanks for the time Michael.

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**Michael Goransky** - May 25, 2021 at 08:03 AM

FM

“ Fabian, Pamela And Baby Francisco Mujica purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael Gusko.



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**Fabian, Pamela And Baby Francisco Mujica** - May 25, 2021 at 06:34 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Michael Gusko.*



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May 24, 2021 at 03:28 AM



“ *I came to know Michael through Christ United Methodist Church. He soon became a business associate and close friend. Life has taken us in different directions, Michael to South Carolina and me to San Antonio, TX. But Michael has made the effort to keep in touch in spite of the distance. To me, that is the mark of a true friend. Michael earned my respect as a devoted father and husband and a devoted Christian man. The world is a sadder place without him. Rest in peace, my friend.*

*Lee McLendon*

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**Lee McLendon** - May 23, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Gusko.*



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May 23, 2021 at 10:12 AM

JH

“ I've known Michael for over 20 years, as a co-worker and as a friend. We shared many adventures in data centers and in the air. While our paths diverged many years ago, I always considered him one of my oldest and dearest friends. We didn't speak as much as I guess we should have now, but we would still touch base occasionally to give each other grief. I'll miss you Gusko.

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**Jack Haines** - May 22, 2021 at 10:06 PM

KE

“ Dear Jessica and family,

We are so very sad to hear of Mike's passing. We wish we could turn back time and change this horrible tragedy. We are praying for comfort, strength and healing during this difficult, heartbreaking time. We are sure gonna miss Mike and his wit and humor, especially his Facebook dad jokes. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you out.

Sincerely,

Tom and Kimberly Eiklid (Auburn, GA)



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**Kimberly Eiklid** - May 22, 2021 at 09:54 PM

JJ

*Dear Jessica and family.*

*My family and i are sad and are heart's are broken by hearing passing of Michael. As you know we were both in the same new hire class and got to fly together many times before he became a check airman. I have a lot of beautiful memories and enjoyed a lot of his jokes and loved his sense of humor. I wish we would of had more times together and i will truly miss him.*

**Jorge Cuevas Jr** - May 22, 2021 at 10:02 PM

DR

*I have known Mike for over 20 years. He was kind, intelligent, and a devoted friend. Everyone loved Mike. He had a great personality and made friends effortlessly. Many of my fondest memories are of the adventures Mike and I had in small airplanes. We earned our pilot's licenses together though he was always the better pilot. We had many long conversations during those trips. Jessica and family, I can tell you Mike loved you. He was utterly and completely devoted to you. Even after we lived many miles apart, Mike would faithfully call to check on me. Mike will be greatly missed. - Don*

**Don Rucker** - May 24, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Gusko.*



May 22, 2021 at 07:07 PM

JG

“ *At the ripe old age of 5, little Michael walked down the isle as the ring bearer at his Uncle Al and my wedding November 1986.*

**Jill Gusko** - May 22, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Gusko.*



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May 22, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss I will miss Michael*

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**Robert Smith** - May 22, 2021 at 04:02 PM