



## RAYMOND WAYNE MICHELS

May 28, 2025

Born in the territory of Hawaii, March 3, 1959, Raymond Wayne Michels was born to David Michels and Barbara Sharron McManus at Tripler Army Base. He was 66 years old and passed away at home, May 28, 2025, in Pleasant Grove, AL. Raymond graduated in 1977 from Cherokee Vocational High School, Cherokee, AL. After graduation He served in the Army for 3 years, stationed in Germany. After discharge for the Army He served in the Air Force Reserve for 23 years as a medic. In 1984 he was named Airman of the Year. While in the Air Force he attended UAB earning a Bachelor's degree in Science and Mathematics in 1986. In 1988, he attended Herzing University earning a Microsoft Engineering Certificate. After a short stint in Germany as a civilian He returned home to begin a career as a Low Voltage Technician. He started his own company.

He and his wife were active in Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. He participated in meal preparation for a prison ministry. He also did low voltage work at the Church.

Raymond is survived by his wife Alexia Hill Michels; son Alex Smith (Rachel), grandson Lucas Smith; sisters Deborah Michels and Karen Michels; step-sister; Becky Arce (Ricky); step-brothers Richard Lehman (Rose), and Nicholas Lehman; nephew C.D. Grover (Moriah); Abi Cook (Tim); great nephews Sammy and Eli Cook; uncle Joe Michels; aunt Lois Esler.

The visitation will be from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM, Thursday, June 5, 2025 at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, 195 Brooklane Drive, Hueytown, AL 35023. The funeral service will be at 10:30 AM at the Funeral Home, with Rev. Emily Freeman Penfield officiating. The interment will follow, with Military Honors, at 12:30 PM at Alabama National Cemetery, 3133 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL 35115. There will not be a procession to the Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Pleasant Grove United Church, 452 9th Street, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Advanced Project Solutions Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of RAYMOND WAYNE MICHELS.*

**The Advanced Project Solutions Team** - June 02, 2025 at 09:42 AM

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“ *The Advanced Project Solutions Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of RAYMOND WAYNE MICHELS.*



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“ *I am Raymond's second cousin. Actually his mom's cousin. But Raymond and I are the same age. I spent about a week visiting with my mom and dad at his grandparents in Alabama one summer. He and Deborah and I walked the trails on the property at his grandparents, who was my Aunt Oma. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Wish we could've known you all better. Rhonda Atwell Little. My parents were Vadis and Norma Atwell. My dad was Oma's brother.*

**Rhonda Atwell Little** - May 31, 2025 at 09:30 AM