



Michael Wayne Kidd

July 20, 1953 - May 7, 2026

Michael Wayne Kidd, 72, of Jacksboro, TX, passed peacefully among his family at his home on May 7, 2026. Born July 20, 1953, in Fort Worth, TX, Mike's passion for racing began early. At age 11, he won a national title racing quarter midgets, and by 13 he was racing motorcycles, quickly earning numerous Texas championships.

In 1972, Mike turned professional, finishing second in his rookie race at the Astrodome. In 1974, he claimed his first Grand National victory riding Triumph at the Charity Newsies in Columbus, OH. In 1975, he won the Race of Champions, a made-for-TV on ABC. He went on to achieve 12 AMA Grand National race wins, earned a major sponsorship with the US Army, and became Winston Series Grand National Champion in 1981. He was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Hot Shoe Hall of Fame in 2023.

Mike retired from professional racing after the 1983 season, but his influence on the sport only grew. He was named AMA Promoter of the Year in 1984, opened and operated Boyd Raceway in Texas (1983–1990), and created the AMA National Arenacross Series in 1985. The Scramblecross Series (2016-2018). Over his lifetime, he promoted over 1,000 amateur and professional racing events, sold more than 2 million tickets. In 1995, he helped establish AYRA, the largest Youth Rodeo Association in the country, and supported his daughter Tammy in founding Wild West Promotions, now one of the top barrel

racing producers. Mike and his wife purchased the Jacksboro Country Club in 2016, enjoying it together until 2023.

Mike cherished golf, and most of all, the time he spent with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sandra Crow Kidd; children Tammy Kidd and Randy Kidd and spouse Julie Kidd; grandchildren Taylor Coward, Jaycee Kidd, and Bailee Kidd; great-grandchild Jasper Barrow; and sibling Gary Kidd. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donovan Kidd and Vera Sands Kidd.

Visitation will be held Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Coker Funeral Home (152 TX-148, Jacksboro, TX). Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church (241 W. Live Oak St., Jacksboro, TX), followed by a graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery. Everyone is welcome to gather afterward at the Jacksboro Country Club (1300 TX-148, Jacksboro, TX).

Special Message:

Mike lived life in the fast lane—on the track and off—but he always made time for family, laughter, and leaving a legacy that will inspire generations. His passion, dedication, and kindness were felt by everyone he met, and he leaves behind a world forever enriched by his energy, spirit, and love for the sport he helped shape.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

145 Oakwood Avenue
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home
152 State Hwy 148
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 567-3778
info@cokerfuneral.com

Church Service

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bible Baptist Church
241 W Live Oak
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 567-5324

Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd*



Loretta Martinez - May 19 at 05:53 PM

EB

“ *Rest in peace*

Eddie Baird - May 13 at 12:31 PM

BM

“ *Bob And Roxanna Maddox lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd*



Bob and Roxanna Maddox - May 12 at 11:46 AM

WC

“ *Wayne & Cindy Crow purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Wayne Kidd.*



Wayne & Cindy Crow - May 12 at 02:05 AM

TD

“ Terry Cordray Family & Ross Downs purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Wayne Kidd.



Terry Cordray Family & Ross Downs - May 11 at 05:16 PM

AR

“ Askey Ranch purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Michael Wayne Kidd.



Askey Ranch - May 11 at 01:29 PM

AR

“ Askey Ranch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Kidd.

Askey Ranch - May 11 at 01:29 PM

AS

“ The Snyder family (Kevin and Angela) express our deep sorrow during this time of loss. Our prayers and thoughts continue to you. Mike will be forever remembered and forever missed.



Angela & Kevin Snyder - May 10 at 07:08 PM

TP

“ Tamara P. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Wayne Kidd.



Tamara P. - May 10 at 11:37 AM

TP

“ Tamara P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Kidd.

Tamara P. - May 10 at 11:37 AM

DL

“ Dale & Carol Leach lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd



Dale & Carol Leach - May 09 at 10:01 PM

BF

“ Bruce & Theresa Hesteande Family lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd



Bruce & Theresa Hesteande Family - May 09 at 06:06 PM

BS

“ I was Honored to give Mike and Sandra some Ross Downs Dirt at a reunion.

Bill Scott - May 09 at 05:36 PM

TW

“ Thomas Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd



Thomas Wyatt - May 09 at 02:04 PM

CR

“ Connie Randolph purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Wayne Kidd.



Connie Randolph - May 09 at 01:49 PM

JW

“ James W Whitsitt lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd



James W Whitsitt - May 09 at 01:45 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Kidd.



May 09 at 11:33 AM



“ Jason And Marci Thomas lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd



Jason and Marci Thomas - May 09 at 09:04 AM



“ Friends Of The Jacksboro Animal Shelter lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd



Friends of the Jacksboro Animal Shelter - May 09 at 08:25 AM



“ Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd



Melba Mower - May 08 at 09:38 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Michael Wayne Kidd.*



May 08 at 09:33 PM



“ *PD & Paula Curtner lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd*



PD & Paula Curtner - May 08 at 06:47 PM



“ *Ann Riddle lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd*



Ann Riddle - May 08 at 03:42 PM



“ *Bob And Roxanna Maddox lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd*



Bob and Roxanna Maddox - May 08 at 03:09 PM

SW

“ *Stephanie Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Kidd*



stephanie wyatt - May 08 at 02:07 PM