



## Basel Manley Mixon

December 11, 1947 - May 31, 2020

Basel Manley Mixon III was born in Orangeburg, SC, to Lieutenant Colonel Basel and Florence Mixon. As a military family, Manley, along with older twin sisters, Anne and Sue, and younger sister, Madeleine, lived all over the world – including places like Okinawa, Japan; San Francisco, CA; and Denver, CO. They settled in Nashville, TN as Basel, Jr.'s military career came to a close. Manley graduated from Hillwood High School in 1966, a three sport star; resulting in being drafted by the NY Yankees and, ultimately, accepting a football scholarship to the University of Tennessee (Knoxville).

While in Knoxville, TN, Manley met and married his future wife, Glinda K. Rainwater of Goodlettsville, TN. Manley and Glinda were married for forty-eight years and raised two children, Basel M. “Bo” Mixon IV, LTC (USA, ret), and Walter Joshua Mixon, D.V.M.

Manley's family has always called middle Tennessee home, ranging from Hendersonville to Springfield, except for one lovely stint outside Los Angeles, CA.

Manley's professional vocation aligned with who he was – a natural leader. As a General Manager in the trucking industry, Manley's central belief centered around the Golden Rule (Luke 6:27–31), treating each individual with respect and dignity. To Manley, everyone from lowest paid wage earners to the CEO had equal worth, performing an integral duty to the larger team effort, contributing to overall organizational success. Equally important to Manley was his word, that he spoke with integrity, and cultivating an individual sense of duty in all team members.

Manley's answer to the question of what is most important to him would immediately be “family”. Beginning with his life partner, Glinda, his loves centered around family get togethers. Among his fondest family memories are the 4th of July fireworks celebrations on Arnie's houseboat at Center Hill Lake. The top deck clapped and were designated the “OOHs”, while the bottom deck responded with “AHHs”. Manley choreographed the cheerleading, while Arnie paddled out and provided the light display!

Manley's love of the natural world nearly equaled his love of family. Many of his most contented moments were hiking across national parks in the U.S. with the love of his life, Glinda. Whether in the Smokies, Joshua Tree, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, or Redwoods, Manley was most at peace as a lover and enjoyer of nature and the natural environment.

At the age of 72, in his home in Greenbrier, TN, Manley came into the presence of the Lord after a long battle with Alzheimer's on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

His family will receive friends on Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 12:00pm until his Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 2:00pm at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Hendersonville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Pat Summit Foundation at [www.patsummitt.org](http://www.patsummitt.org), or the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

We are honored that his family has entrusted his care to Austin & Bell Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Hendersonville. 615-822-4442

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - Hendersonville  
104 Sanders Ferry Rd., Hendersonville, TN, US, 37075

**JUN** **Celebration of Life Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Basel Manley Mixon.



June 05, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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“ 73 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - June 05, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ In the early 1980's, I was privileged to be in a running group with Manley on Saturday AMs. We always made it 6+ mile run. Manley was always the encourager for any of us who would rather do something else. In 1983, we ran the Huntsville marathon. There was a special medal for the first whatever numbers. He got one, I didn't. He pushed hard for me to take his. I didn't but was I awed.

It was hard to get him to talk about his athletic successes but I remembered the reverence he spoke of Coach Majors who joined him in Heaven this week.

His success with Glenda, Bo and Josh say it all. I love you three.

Wish I had stayed in touch.

Jim Batson

**Jim Batson** - June 06, 2020 at 01:54 PM

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“ Manley was a wonderful human being and his outstanding legacy will live on with all of us who were fortunate enough to know him. Manley certainly did his part to make this world a better place. His character, integrity and kind spirit were on display every day and he will never be forgotten. May God Bless and comfort Glinda, Bo, Josh and the extended Mixon family now and forever knowing Manley had such a positive influence on so many...

Fondly and Respectfully,

Vic Salvino

**Victor Salvino** - June 05, 2020 at 12:31 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Basel Manley Mixon.



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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Basel Manley Mixon.



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“ Manley was the picture of a southern gentleman in the way he treat everyone he came in contact with and the way he conducted himself. He was like a big brother, a close friend and a mentor to me. Manley will be greatly missed by everyone he has came in contact with.

I love you my friend.

Chris Fisher

**Chris Fisher** - June 04, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Basel Manley Mixon.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Basel Manley Mixon.



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“ I first met Manley in 1964 or 65 when he played football for Hillwood. I had just returned from military service and followed Hillwood Football since my sister was a student there. I also followed Manley's career at Tennessee. I would occasionally see Manley at Moss Wright Park when he jogged. Good memories. My prayers and thoughts for the family.

Respectfully, Tom Mosier

**Tom Mosier** - June 04, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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“ It is an honor to call Manley a friend. I shall remember him as a great competitor, honest business man, outstanding family fellow, and helpful neighbor. Glinda, Bo, and Josh Arlene and I share your loss.

Burl Young

**Burl Young** - June 04, 2020 at 08:38 AM