



**Mike McGowan**

**Owner Operator w/ Oakley Trucking**

**since July 2014**

**Pulls an End Dump Trailer**

**Dispatcher is Scotty Crisco**

**Mike** was born in Bay, AR on the 4th of July in 1953. At a very young age, Mike and his family moved to Memphis where he grew up and later earned his high school diploma. Like a lot of boys, Mike looked up to his dad and wanted to be just like him. He considered his dad to be his best friend. Mike's dad was a truck driver. So from a very small age, Mike knew that's what he wanted to do. Mike still remembers a saying his dad told him when handing his DL to him, "Your license is a privilege son. Don't ever forget that" At age 21, Mike became a member of the Memphis Fire Department driving a fire truck. He stayed there until an opportunity came his way in 1975 and he started his driving career at UPS. He drove a tractor trailer OTR for over 34 years before retiring. After retirement, Mike stayed at home with his wife Lois and did lots of honey-dos and hunted and fished a little. According to Mike though "there is only so much of that you can do." Lois noticed he wasn't very happy and said if getting back out on the road will make you happy, then do it. Before he knew it he had purchased his first truck a 2006 Western Star and leased it with Oakley Trucking. Mike says it's the best decision he has ever made saying "I have found a home with Oakley Trucking." Mike has driven a truck most of his life and likes that, even though he is under someone else's name, he feels in charge and responsible. He loves the challenge everyday to get the load delivered safely and on time. Mike loves to hunt and fish, do woodworking, and is a registered certified home builder. He has built over 400 custom homes in his spare time. If he was not a truck driver, he said he would have liked to have been a pilot. The apple didn't fall far from the tree in the McGowan family. Mike has a son Joel that is leased on with Oakley Trucking as well.

When asked about what he liked about Oakley Trucking, Mike said it was the way his wife was treated. It meant the world to them that his wife received a card thanking her for supporting his decision to become an owner operator at Oakley Trucking, as well as a birthday card signed by all the dispatchers. This is something they never got in 34 years at his old company. He also said that our owner operators were "Top Notch".

We are glad that Mike has found a home here at Oakley Trucking and we are lucky to have such a "Top Notch" owner operator!!  
Keep up the good work!

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