

I'M FREE



*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The JACKSON FAMILY express their heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy at our time of grief. Thank you for your love and support. Your thought and prayers after MICHAEL'S untimely passing are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to the ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH FAMILY and ST JOSEPH'S GOSPEL CHOIR.

Musical Director: BRIAN DICKERSON
FATHER PHILIP KELLY, *Officiating*

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



MICHAEL D. JACKSON

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 16, 1965 - SUNSET: APRIL 20, 2024

MASS

Friday, May 3, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

405 West 125th Street • New York, New York 10027

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Bronx, New York

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE HYMN.....MUSICAL SELECTION

FIRST READING: (ISAIAH 25: 6-9).....ERIC CRUMBLY

RESPONSORIAL PSALMMUSICAL SELECTION

SECOND READING: (1 CORINTHIANS 15: 51-57) CLARENCE WILLIAMS

GOSPEL (JOHN 14: 1-6).....PHILIP KELLY

HOMILY.....PHILIP KELLY

FIRST OFFERINGMUSICAL SELECTION

COMMUNION HYMN.....MUSICAL SELECTION

MEDIATION HYMN.....MUSICAL SELECTION

OBITUARY.....LATEEF COLLEY

POETRY READING: (TRULY A GIFT FROM GOD) CLARENCE WILLIAMS

SPEAKER: (NYC DEPT OF CORRECTIONS).....KEITH DENNIS

REMARKS

FINAL COMMUNICATIONMUSICAL SELECTION

RECESSIONAL HYMNMUSICAL SELECTION

OBITUARY

Precious in the light of the lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116-15.

Thank you all for being here today as we share memories of **MIKE JACKSON**. Michael was born October 16, 1965 in New York City to Diane Colley-Jackson and the late Oscar Jackson.

Michael attended St. Joseph elementary school and St. Agnes High School where he graduated. Michael also attended New York City College of Technology to further his education.

Michael was vibrant and enthusiastic; a man with a great sense of humor and sense of purpose. Once he called you a friend, you knew you had a friend for life. Although he has left a void in our lives that can never be filled, he leaves so many memories that will be cherished. He will be sorely missed.

Michael was a dedicated father, beloved grandfather, Son and loving fiance. Family was the cornerstone of his beliefs.

Our faith installs in us the importance of our mission as Christians to care for each other. Michael loved his friends and family. They included his childhood friends, his professional colleagues. Also, his lifelong confidants which include Roslyn Rhoe who was his second mother and Shawnique Wheeler, his road dog and eating partner.

Michael believed in law and order. He worked for the New York City Correction Department for over thirty years before he retired.

Michael leaves to mourn his mother, Diane Jackson., his children Malik, Rashaad, and Paigh, his step sons Isaiah and Hassan, a grandson, Legend, and his fiancé and companion, Chezette Cole.

The Jackson family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy during our time of grief. Thank you for your love, support, thoughts, and prayers.

Special thanks to the St. Joseph Church Family and St. Joseph's Gospel Choir, Musical Director Brian Dickerson, Father Philip Kelly.

