

Order of Service

Officiant, Decs. Lucy Green

Musical Selection.....

Opening Remarks Pastor Ora L. Myers

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament.....Evang. Debra Taylor

New Testament.....Elder Reginald Matthew

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder L Dixon

Soloist.....Leighdy Morris

Reflections.....Bro. Ray Childs

Ulysses Cameron

Ryan Johnson

Craig Walker

Doug Stokes

Renee' Myers

Acknowledgements and

Reading of Reflections of Life.....Sis. Karen Weaver

Musical Selection.....Congregation Song

Eulogy..... Pastor, Dr. Joseph Stafford

Pastor of Heavenly Hall Full Gospel Church, Philadelphia, PA

Benediction.....



Michael,

You were truly one of a kind, a rare soul with a unique sense of humor. Reflecting on the past, I realize that it was God that brought you back into my life, allowing me to support you through the challenges you had to face. We navigated through ups and downs together, sharing countless moments filled with laughter, irritation and tears. What will always resonate deeply with me is that you would always say "please forgive me for God forgives and it's all love". You knew the mere mention of God would level set me and I would reflect on His word in Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your wrath." Though you will be deeply missed, I find comfort in knowing you are now in a far better place, free from pain and suffering. The memories we shared and the bond we formed from our younger years will always be in my heart.

With love, Renee'

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 found my place at the close of day.

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

Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my life 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.

In Appreciation

The family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude for the countless acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers we have received during this difficult time. We pray that God continues to bless and embrace each of you in His gentle care.



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IN LOVING MEMORY



Michael D. STOKES

SUNRISE SUNSET
NOVEMBER 12, 1969 DECEMBER 7, 2024

Celebration of Life
Thursday, December 19, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE: 11:00AM

Evangelistic Newborn Holiness Church

629-31 CECIL B. MOORE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19122
PASTOR, ORA MYERS

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

HIS STORY

Michael D. Stokes passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 7th, 2024, at the age of 55. He was born on November 12, 1969, in Philadelphia, PA., to Joan Ellen and Melvyn Douglas Stokes, Sr. He spent his early years forming the foundations of a life filled with love and experiences.

Michael finished his education at Martin Luther King High School and began an impressive journey that lasted more than thirty years in the trucking industry. He kicked off his career as a driver for Pepsi, working his way to the top route in North Philadelphia. Mike worked a range of truck driving jobs throughout his career until he made the decision to become an entrepreneur purchasing homes and his own towing company, M-Dog. Mike, fondly known as M-Dog or Catcher was well known in North Philadelphia, West Oak Lane and Mt. Airy.

Michael joined Evangelistic Newborn Holiness Church on August 6, 2023. He accepted Christ as his savior as a young man however, he rededicated his life. One of his favorite gospel song was "Something about the name of Jesus" by Kirk Franklin. Michael believed he was a soloist like his Mom, and as a result, the Pastor would encourage him to sing and one Sunday morning, Michael sung his solo.

Mike was a smooth talker with a quick wit, always ready with a joke. If you weren't paying attention, you might find yourself the target of his smash talking. He was cherished by everyone who knew him, known for his kind-hearted nature and generosity. Mike was always manning the grill outside of his residence on Croskey Street, dishing out delicious food for anyone who wanted it. If there was an event or get together, best believe Mike would show up and show out. In his later years, Mike devoted himself to taking care of his Mother, Joan until she moved to Collierville, TN with her other son Doug and his family.

Mike favorite saying was "I LIVE FOR TODAY AND NOT TOMORROW"...and he did just that! He lived life on his own terms, unfazed by the opinions of others. Mike was well-known for his love of animals, especially dogs, which held a special place in his heart. He had many dogs that he loved and took care of throughout their lives. He also rescued stray dogs, giving them a safe home until he could find them new families. To Mike, every dog was more than just a pet; they were dear friends who deserved love and care.

Michael's health started to decline over the past couple of years, but he persevered through numerous challenges. Throughout his illness, the Myers family offered unwavering nurturing and support. He was surrounded by those who loved him as he departed this life into the presence of the Almighty.

Mike will be deeply missed. Left to celebrate his life and cherish his memories are: his Brothers, Melvyn Douglas Stokes, Jr. (Gia), Kyle and Joshua Stokes, Niece Jasmine Coleman (Fred) and Nephew Matthew Stokes, Great-Niece Anaya Coleman; his Aunts, Lorraine (Walter) Jackson and Gloria (Jason) Arrington; Cousins Lisa Jackson and Terry Collier and many beloved family members. He is also survived by his Evangelistic Newborn Church Family, Pastor Myers (fondly called Mom), Renee, Aunt Lucy and Kathy. His childhood, long-time friends: Lys, Ryan and Craig; Novelette, Art, Scooby, Nitti and many more special friends. His Mother Joan Ellen Brickey, Step-Father Jerome Brickey, and Father Melvyn Douglas Stokes, Sr. preceded him in death.

