

My Son Is Free

My heart is heavy. My heart has been broken in a million pieces. I feel so alone. I miss my son soooooo very much. I never thought that I would be the one to say goodbye first.

My prayer has always been, Lord please don't let me have to bury either one of my children.

Please God, let me go first.

But God is in control. He's the one that makes the decisions. I don't understand why.

I don't understand why it must be that way because burying my child is one of the hardest things in the world to have to do.

My prayer is now, "Lord, I can't bear the burden without your help."

Lord, carry me, comfort me, and give me strength and peace of mind. Lord, help me be able to let go. You gave him to me for 63 years, and I thank you for allowing me to have the pleasure of raising my son. I will never forget how he left me to go spend eternity with you. He looked toward his new heavenly home and saw the beauty of it as you took him by the hand. As he followed you his last word on his earthly home was WOW!!! I'll never forget that moment when he left me.

I know he's alright because you promised to wipe away all tears, no mourning, and especially no suffering.

On July 12, 2024, my son is free from all pain.

Because of that my son,

I'll miss you, but I'll let you go.

From your Mom with indescribable love.



Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Joseph Howard, would like to take this time to convey heartfelt thanks to all who supported us during this time of bereavement. Losing a loved one is always challenging, but your support has eased our burdens. Special thanks to J. C. Lewis Canter Center staff, Victory Bible Fellowship, and EMD Chemicals employees. May God continue to bless all of you in a special way.

Pallbearers

Luther Smith
Aswad Jones
Jason Brown

Pernell Nixon
Terry Roberson
Demetres Osborne

The time has come to say goodbye
I will try not to cry
It's been so hard to let you go
To be in heaven don't you know
But you did not go alone
Part of us went with you
The day God took you home
You will forever be in our hearts
Your memory will keep us from falling apart
You should hear the kind words people say
How you touched their lives in so many ways
I am so proud and blessed to get to say
That's my brother in every way
Thank you brother for all you gave
For everything you showed us along the way
Now I want to say to you
How much I love and miss you, too
So rest in peace, big brother of mine
I'll see you again when it's my time

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Celebration of Life



MR. JOSEPH HOWARD

Saturday, July 20, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

VICTORY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

2110 East Broad Street | Savannah, GA 31401

Reverend Ronald Greene, Pastor

Obituary

Joseph Howard was born on Monday, August 15, 1960 to Oliver and Dorothy Howard. At a young age the family moved from New York to Savannah. Joe was active in the Methodist Church and educated in the Savannah Chatham Public School System where he participated in the Groves High Rebels Marching Band. Joseph (Majick) was a 1979 graduate of A. E. Beach High, home of the Bulldogs. He honorably served our nation in the United States Marine Corps from 1979-83. He was employed by EMD Chemicals, where he was affectionally dubbed Papa Joe, from 2003 until his passing.

Joseph was a very good man, a loving son, devoted husband, protective older brother, terrific "girl dad", best Pop Pop ever, supportive cousin, favorite Uncle, loyal friend, nice neighbor, dependable employee but most importantly, a child of GOD. He demonstrated a renewed commitment to Christianity by being baptized as an adult at Victory Bible Fellowship. Joe was funny and serious, charitable and pennywise, humble and proud, strong and vulnerable, a fan of the Atlanta Falcons and of Lady Whistledown, grill master and girl mentor. He was our all and our everything. Joe was a good man!

After a hard-fought battle with cancer, Joseph Howard peacefully departed earth on Friday, July 12, 2024 with his awesome mother, his soulmate, his oldest daughter and heavenly hosts at his side.

Joe leaves to mourn, his wife, Stephanie Howard; daughters; MSgt. Kia Osborne (Demetres) and Dr. Morgan Howard; granddaughter, Aneya Miller, bonus granddaughter, Demetria Osborne; his mother, Dorothy Howard; father, Oliver Howard; sister, Denise Howard; uncle, Thomas Howard; 'adopted son' Tommie Pullins, III; god daughter, Bria Smalls; half siblings, Stephen, Joseph and Jeffery Williams, Cagney Carter, and Shawntray Barnes; brothers and sisters-in-law, James (Jeanette) Cooper, Gerald Cooper, Patricia (Tony) Gloyd, Lynda Cooper, Donald Cooper, Sonya Cooper and Ronald Lewis; best friends, Eric Harris, Bernard Gray and Kerry Mack; many more friends, cousins, nieces and nephews (related or not). A special nephew and niece, Aswad Jones and Anika Smith; and his second family, the brothers and sisters of EMD Chemicals.



Order of Service

Pastor Ronald Greene, Presiding
Victory Bible Fellowship

Processional

Invocation

Reverend Deborah Scott

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Deacon Keith Green
Sister Beverly Green

Hymn:

"My Soul Is Anchored In the Lord"

Brother Bruce Greene

Joe's Final Testimony

Wife, Stephanie Howard

Selection:

"Let the Church Say Amen"

Mr. Timothy Scott Garris
& Ms. Crystal Garris

Tributes:

As a friend /classmate
As a co-worker
As a neighbor

Mr. Eric Harris
Mrs. Jennifer Zeigler
Mr. Tommie Pullins, III

Selection: The Goodness of God

Mr. Timothy Scott Garris
& Ms. Crystal Garris

Eulogy

Reverend Donnie Gariss
Antioch Missionary Baptist

Recessional

