

# Order of Celebration

Saturday, March 13, 2021 – 11:00 AM  
PIPKIN BRASWELL CHAPEL OF PEACE  
6601 East Colfax Avenue | Denver, Colorado 80220  
Pastor John Richards, Officiating and Eulogist

Processional.....Minister Nathaniel Black  
"Amazing Grace"

A Glimpse Till Glory.....Funeral Directors  
Selection.....Qualaya Rosenberg  
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Comfort from the Scripture.....Pastor John Richards  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Solace.....Kimbalia Valentine-Butler  
Acknowledgment, Condolences, and Resolutions.....Pipkin Braswell Director  
Obituary.....Michael Griffin, Jr.

Poetic Tribute.....Catrina Griffin  
*Reflections In Video by Andre Hilson*

*Family and Friends Reflect*  
Two Minute Remarks

Selection.....Kyla Brockman  
"I'm Going To Miss You"

Eulogy.....Pastor John Richards  
Committal | Closing Prayer | Benediction

Recessional .....Minister Nathaniel Black  
"I Can Only Imagine" "Precious Lord"

## Private Cremation

Denver, Colorado

## Acknowledgment

During a time like this, we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured. May God richly Bless each of you.  
The family of Michael Lee Griffin, Sr.



The Family Received Personal Care from the Staff of

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"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."

# Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Michael Lee  
**GRIFFIN** Sr.

JANUARY 11, 1948 - FEBRUARY 27, 2021



# The BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.



# Michael Lee GRIFFIN Sr.

Michael Lee Griffin, Sr. was born on January 11, 1948 in St. Louis, Missouri to John "Griff" and Lorraine "Lo" Griffin. He was the firstborn child with two brothers, Reginald "Uncle Reggie" Griffin and Donald "Duck" Griffin, and three sisters, Daryl Ann "Booby" Easter, Scarlett "Cookie" Griffin, and Valerie Hilson.

Michael completed his education in the St. Louis Public School System. Shortly after, he met and married Imogene Gage and to this union four children were born, Michelle, Belinda, Catrina and Michael Jr. He then met Mary Brock and Artemus (Lavelle) Brock was born. He later met the third love of his life Candy Starkey where he spent the next eighteen years loving and raising grandchildren and great grandchildren with Candy.

Michael grew up in an active home full of love and good times. He later accepted Christ in his life and completed courses to become a Minister sharing the word of God to all that would listen.

At an early age, Michael loved spending time with his cousin Craig Berry and best friend Terroll Moss. His love for dog training as a teenager made him known in the neighborhood as the guy to make the dogs mean! He loved picnics and fishing at O'Fallon park in St. Louis in his early days. He was known as the no nonsense guy with the hot temper. Michael loved a beer or two with boiled shrimp drowned in hot sauce while playing bid whisk cards on the weekends with Imogene. If the partying went well into the night, momma Lo made sure it became a sleep over!

Michael continued his love of spending time with loved ones with long drives, Friday shrimp fry's never missing a Friday with his now adult children. He loved dancing the mickey monkey to Smokey Robinson songs and singing on those Friday nights! He made sure to let his sons know he could see the Griffin in them! He was a jack of all trades working jobs from Chef, van driver, to flagman. Michael had a love for hats. He collected various baseball caps as well as Kangol (kangaroo) caps. Upon moving to Colorado and meeting Candy, Michael enjoyed going on family picnics at the Aurora Reservoir. He became a fan of the Denver Broncos football team. If you knew Michael Sr., you knew he often started a conversation with "They knew not to mess with me" or "Your daddy was a bad man, they knew not to mess with me," and you knew he was telling the truth! He is a lover, a fighter, a father, a grandfather, proud, sometimes stubborn man of God that changed the lives of many that knew him.

Michael Sr. will be missed dearly, but never forgotten by those he leaves behind and impacted throughout his rich and bountiful life.

He left this world knowing he was loved and his legacy will carry on for generations.

The Lord welcomed Michael home on February 27, 2021 at 11:15 a.m. Preceding him in glory is his Parents: John and Lorraine Griffin; One sister, Daryl Ann "Booby" Easter; Two brothers, Reginald Griffin and Donald Griffin.

He leaves to cherish in memory: Long-time companion, Candy Starkey; Daughters, Michelle Griffin, Belinda Griffin, Catrina Griffin; Sons, Michael Griffin Jr., Artemus (Lavelle) Brock, Jerome Griffin; Stepdaughter, Torchia Rosenberg; Stepsons, Dewayne Rosenberg and Jermaine Rosenberg; Sisters, Valerie Hilson (Andrew) and Scarlett Griffin; Sister-in-Law, Rene Griffin; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends.

