

Celebration of Life
for

Michael Anthony Handsford

Sunrise - October 18, 1975 - Sunset - April 8, 2017



Service -
Saturday, April 22, 2017 - 11am

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
112-42 Springfield Blvd
Queens Village, NY 11429
Deacon Valerie P. Moore - Officiating

Obituary

Michael Anthony Handsford was born on October 18, 1975. Michael was the first child of Patricia A. Scott and Larry Bernard Handsford Sr. As a child, Michael attended P.S. 14 in Corona, Queens where he was awarded Good Salesman for most candy sold in his first grade class and the best dressed of his 5th grade class. He later attended I.S. 61 and John Bowne High School in Flushing, Queens. Even at a young age, Michael was praised for his upbeat nature and wild sense of humor. Some of his earliest childhood friendships have spanned Mike's entire life.

Following graduation from high school, Michael began a career in hospital service where he worked as a dietary aide at St John's hospital and later began assisting nurses and doctors as unit support aide at Mary Immaculate Hospital. Michael also worked at Mercy Hospital and Mt. Sinai Hospital. He truly enjoyed helping people.

In 2003, Michael met Valerie Hinds. The union had a beautiful daughter, Amirah Michel Handsford on November 11, 2004. Despite the up and downs those who knew Michael best could always look forward to his funny stories and anecdotal advice. Michael could talk to almost anyone and was always seen with a smile on his face. He enjoyed cooking, always watching the cooking show saying, "I am going to try make that!" His greatest pleasure was spending time with his daughter, the two of them giggling with each other for hours at a time.

Michael departed from us on April 8, 2017

Michael is survived by his only daughter, Amirah Handsford his mother, Patricia Scott, father Larry Bernard Handsford Sr., his brother, Larry Bernard Handsford Jr. his sisters, Kendra Cherise Thompson, Lorna Handsford, Asia Handsford his niece Alanah Handsford, nephews, Isaiah Handsford, Amir Handsford, Aqil Handsford, Damon Hayden Jr., Stepson, Anthony Monk and grandmother, Cecil Savage. Michael also leaves behind a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, friends and comrades.

Order of Service

Scriptures.....Josephine Ellis

Old Testament: Psalms 23

New Testament: John 14:1-6

PrayerDeacon Valerie Moore

Selection.....Minister Tanya Maryoung

Acknowledgements.....Cards

Words of Expression

Obituary.....Patricia Smith

Selection..... Minister Tanya Maryoung



The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning, God was going to call your name.

In life we loved your 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 beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide

And though we cannot see you, You are always by 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.

The Family

God Took Him To His Loving Home

God saw him getting tired, a cure was not to be.

He wrapped him in his loving arms and whispered 'Come with me.'

He suffered much in silence, his spirit did not bend.

He faced his pain with courage, until the very end.

He tried so hard to stay with us but his fight was not in vain,

God took him to His loving home and freed him from the pain.



Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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