

In Loving Memory of



Michael Chavis

Sunrise: March 13, 1955

Sunset: June 4, 2018

Service

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Michael L. Chavis was born on March 13, 1955. He was the second of five children born to Orion and Vivian Chavis, in New York City, New York.

Michael graduated from George Washington High School and he went on to work at Sam Levine Plumbing and Heating Supplies, for a number of years.

He later went on to work for the NYC Transit Authority as a track worker where he retired. Although retired, he continued working as a board member of his Coop apartments which he also enjoyed very much.

Fishing was a favorite pastime which he loved and enjoyed to do, but his greatest love of all was his daughter Akima, who was the sparkle of his eye, and who gave him a special sense of pride. If you wanted to see a big smile come across his face, you only have to mention her name.

Michael, better known as "Laikum" loved his family and always reminded them to put love first. He had a loving and gentle spirit and a way with words when expressing to them, the importance of love, life and family.

Michael went home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2018. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Orion and Vivian Chavis; his eldest sister, Ruby Seabury; brother-in-law, Phillip Seabury; and younger brother, Orion Chavis, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter, Akima Chavis; a step-son, Danny Mejia; his sister, Camelia Howard; brother-in-law, Steven Howard; sister, Antionette Chavis; grandchildren, Nyasia, Jaquira, Journee and Malachi; great-granddaughter, Sanaa; two nephews, Victor and Javon; four nieces, Paulette (Lamar), Sharisse, Tameeka and Courtney; a great niece, Kristina; great nephews, Chane, Elijah and Jeremiah; and a host of cousins and friends.

We would like to also give a special thanks to Raymond Lawrie, for his self-less acts of kindness and support that he extended over the years. He was a true friend to the end, who was there for Michael through thick and thin.

Michael was courageously conquering his battle with cancer, but passed away from a recent surgery.

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:7*

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

*Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York*

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me,
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready, In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could re-live yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized, that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne.
He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,
And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.*

IN APPRECIATION

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you for all expressions of love and support at the passing of our beloved Michael Chavis. Your kind words, prayers, cards, and other expressions of love have been a comfort to us all. May God continue to richly bless you all.

The Family

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