

*Celebrating
the Life
of*



Michael Anthony Noel

**Sunrise:
November 21, 1950**

**Sunset:
May 2, 2022**

Monday, May 16, 2022 - 10am

**St. Charles Borromeo, R.C. Church
Chapel of the Resurrection
211 W. 141st Street, Harlem, NY 10030
Rev. Timothy S. Wiggins, Officiating**

Obituary

Michael Anthony Noel was born on November 21, 1950 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Lennox Gill Noel and Leonora McEwen Noel. He was the youngest of their three children.

At age six, Mike began his elementary school education, in Harlem, at Resurrection Catholic School. After his graduation in June 1964, he began his freshman year at Cardinal Hayes High School. As Mike prepared to begin his sophomore semester classes, the family suffered the unexpected loss of their mother. Concerned about Mike's education, his father agreed to enroll Mike at Laurinburg Institute in North Carolina. Mike transferred to Laurinburg in January 1966. He graduated in June 1969 as Valedictorian, earning a scholarship to attend the college of his choice. Mike was accepted at Howard University (Washington, DC) and graduated with his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in December 1973. Shortly after graduation, Mike joined Wausau Insurance for training in Wisconsin.

After completing claims adjustment training, he joined the Washington, DC office for several years. Unfortunately, the work was not fulfilling enough. After speaking with his uncle about a travel job, he applied for his U.S. Merchant Seaman License. Within a month, he was assigned to a merchant ship; he loved the work, the income and the travel. For several years, his work took him to various global locations including: Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Japan, China, India, the Middle East, South Africa, West Africa, East Africa, Germany and England.

Mike returned to the New York area in the mid-1980s, where he met and later married Arlene Rogers in 1987. A few months later, they relocated to El Paso, Texas with her young daughter, Dominique, until Spring 1988. Later in 1988, they returned to New York State and a daughter, Michelle (who predeceased Mike in 2014), was born later that year.

After his divorce from Arlene in 1997, he was recruited by Volunteers of America, given his extensive international travel experience, to manage special traveler programs at JFK and LaGuardia Airports. He enjoyed the work and the travelers he assisted. In 2014, he was diagnosed with kidney failure and placed on disability since he required dialysis several times a week. By October 2021, a compatible kidney match was found and the transplant operation was successful. He no longer required dialysis. In late April 2022, he was being assessed for cardiac issues and was scheduled for medical follow-up at the time of his death.

Family:

Mike is survived by: his sisters, Dianne Edey and Jolene Connor; brother-in-law, James Connor; daughter, Dominique Rogers; nephew, Colin Edey; nieces, Kellie Wright and Gabrielle Connor; grand-nieces, Sage Wright and Remy Wright; grandson, Noah Brunson; cousins, Linda Crowder, Annette Martin, Marjorie Jardine and Errol Noel; and a host of other Noel and McEwen cousins in the United States, St. Lucia, Grenada, Trinidad and England.

Special Friends:

Richard Foster, Alfred Jones, Esq., Linda Dixon, Lark Hackshaw, Gail Maynard, Ivan Simpson, Conrad Charlton, Ronald Giles and a number of other Colonial, Howard University & Laurinburg Institute alums each played an important role in Mike's life.

Mike was always a good listener; he loved to give advice and always helped others. He was a consummate supporter of Howard University's Bison Team.

Funeral Mass

Gathering Hymn..... “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #607

Processional Hymn..... “Amazing Grace” #173

Placing of the Pall.....Rev. Timothy S. Wiggins

First Reading:
Old Testament - Daniel 12:1-3.....Dominique Rogers

Second Reading:
New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.....Colin Edey

General Intercessions: Prepared by the Church

Offertory Hymn..... “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #16

Communion Hymn..... “I Am the Bread of Life” #133

Communion Meditation Song..... “Rock of Ages” #51

Obituary Read By.....Linda Crowder

Words of Remembrance..... Alfred C. Jones, Esq.

Commendation.....Patricia Dumas

Recessional Hymn.....“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” #607

INTERMENT
The Brick Church Cemetery
Spring Valley, NY

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 that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will 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 one's touch.
Perhaps my time 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!
-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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