

Celebrating the Life of
Michael Lewis

Sunrise
October 11, 1957

Sunset
November 4, 2022



Thursday, November 17, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

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256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. D'Andra Johnson, Officiating

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The Life of Mike

By Ahjahta (Uh-chay-ta) McDuffie (Niece)



Hello, everyone. Today, I am going to talk about Michael Lewis, who I simply refer to as my Uncle Mike.

My entire life I have had my Uncle Mike by my side. We shared Christmas, Thanksgivings and New Years as a family, and I can honestly say that he has always been the sweetest, funniest, and kindest guy you will meet. My uncle Michael never complained about anything, and he was always full of life. He loved to see his family members happy. If you saw something that you liked at the store, and you put it back, he would go behind you and sneak to buy it for you. He was also very low maintenance and didn't ask for much in life. Whenever I would ask him "What do you want to do today, Uncle Michael?" He would just respond by saying "Let's go to Walmart". Uncle Michael had a beautiful aura to him. You can look at him and just smile and be happy, he truly had that power. To know my Uncle Michael was truly a blessing.

Unfortunately, things turned for the worst on October 8th of 2022. He was rushed to the hospital due to sepsis. Not too long after his stay in the hospital, we found out he had multiple other medical issues, including pancreatic cancer. His last days were bittersweet. He had his good days, and he had his bad days. One of my favorite moments before his passing was when he asked me for a hug, something he didn't ask for a lot. I knew he was scared about his diagnoses, but we as a family ensured him we will be by his side by as long as he lived. I try not to think too much about his last few days in the hospital, but instead, I focus on the 29 years I've had with him and what truly made him my Uncle Michael.

His favorite colors were blue and brown, he loved WWE wrestling and Goldberg was his favorite wrestler. He loved the Jackson 5 and "Everybody" was one of his favorite songs from them. He loved burgers and was a candy connoisseur. He loved Christy Carlson Romano and even loved her cooking show on YouTube. Uncle Mike almost loved Disney as much as me, but not many people love it as much as I do. Most importantly, he was a man of God. Right before his passing, we talked about one of our favorite Bible verses: Philippians 4:13- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

I am grateful to God that he got to spend 65 years on Earth with our family. I am even more grateful that he is disease free, stress free and worry-free. I know now that he gets to make God smile everyday now that he is with him. I am forever blessed to say that I get to have Uncle Mike as my uncle, my best friend, and now, my guardian angel.

Thank you.

*We Commit Him to you, Lord
By Tonya McDuffie (Sister)*

Lord, my heart is broken, my eyes are full of tears. Unspoken sadness, and loss we fear.

Michael Lewis is the brightest apple of our family tree.

Lord, I trust in Your unfailing love. My heart rejoices in Your salvation, You Lord, are forgiving and good. Abounding in love to all who call to You. I call to You Lord to hold Michael up in Your arms and keep him safe from harm. Let him know he is amongst the greatest ancestors who will welcome him. Let him know he is loved on this Earth, and in the Heavens. He will be our special angel.

Lord, you will make Michael our guardian angel for all the days of our lives.

I commit Michael to you, Lord, for safe keeping. He will always be loved. So good night our sweet prince. Sleep well, until we meet again.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. D'Andra Johnson

Shiloh Baptist Church

Recessional

Interment

Arlington Cemetery

Kearny, New Jersey

GOODBYE FOR NOW MY SWEET BOY

ITS SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE TO MY SWEET BOY.
YOU ARE MY BIG BROTHER,WHOM I SIMPLY ADORE.
SPENDING TIME WITH YOU WAS MY GREATEST JOY.
LOOKING AFTER YOU WAS NEVER A CHORE
YOU SAID YOU NEEDED ME, BUT I NEEDED YOU MORE.
I WISH YOU WERE STILL HERE SO I COULD
TELL YOU JUST HOW MUCH YOU ARE LOVED
AND JUST HOW OFTEN YOUR NAME IS SPOKEN OF
I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE IN SO MUCH PAIN.,
YOU NEVER SAID A WORD,YOU NEVER COMPLAINED.
IF I KNEW YOU WOULD SLIP AWAY,
I WOULD HAVE PULED YOU BACK AND BEGGED YOU TO STAY.
I NEVER KNEW THAT YOU WERE SO SICK,
YOUR LIGHT AND LAUGHTER WILL SURELY BE MISSED.
YOU ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL WAY OF
BRIGHTENING UP EVERYONE'S DAY.
I NEVER KNEW THAT YOU WERE NOT WELL
YOU SUFFERED IN SILENCE YOU NEVER WOULD TELL.
YOU NEVER SAID A WORD WHEN I FUSSED
AT YOU FOR MAKING A MESS
YOU NEVER JUDGED ME, YOU JUST LOVED ME
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE JUST DOING YOUR BEST.
SO WHEN I'M DOWN,I'LL LOOK AROUND
TO HEAR THE BLUEBIRDS SING,
FOR THEIR SWEET SONG WOULD REMIND ME,
OF ALL THOSE SWEET MEMORIES.
WHEN I'M OVERCOME WITH PAIN,
I WILL LISTEN FOR YOU IN THE GENTLE RAIN.
WHEN THE TEARS WELL UP IN MY EYES
I WILL LOOK FOR YOU IN THE DISTANT SKIES
WHEN I RUN AWAY TO GRIEVE I WILL LOOK
FOR YOU IN THE WHISTLE OF THE TREES.
WE WILL NEVER EVER FORGET YOUR NAME
FOR LIVING WITHOUT YOU, OUR LIVES HAVE FOREVER CHANGED..
YOUR BODY MAY BE GONE, BUT YOUR SPIRIT REMAINS.
AND THE MEMORIES OF YOU LEAVE A PERMANENT STAIN
SO I'LL SAY GOODBYE FOR NOW MY SWEET BOY,
FOR HAVING YOU IN MY LIFE WAS MY GREATEST JOY.

Acknowledgment

The family of **Michael Lewis** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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