



Michael Kevin Balis

October 20, 1961 - November 7, 2012

MICHAEL KEVIN BALIS entered this life on October 20, 1961 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on November 7, 2012 after a lengthy illness.

Mike was born to the late Ruth Balis and Lassiter Basket. His early years were spent growing up in West Baltimore where he attended Abraham Lincoln Elementary, Harlem Park Junior High and Carver Vocational Technical High Schools.

In high school, Mike's trade major was dry cleaning and being a sports enthusiast, he excelled in high school football; as he became the very popular "Teddy Bear" among his classmates. School also gave him the opportunity to showcase his singing. He enjoyed singing the classic R&B love songs. Upon graduation, Mike's teacher hired him to work at his dry cleaners before joining the military for a brief period. Upon discharge he pursued a career in the field of auto mechanics. Some of his former employers include Russell Toyota, Pep Boys and Standard Auto Parts.

It was at Standard Auto Parts that Michael found his niche many years ago. Being a people person, Mike loved interacting with the customers, who many became his friends. Whether he was on or off the job, Mike was always ready to discuss your car problems, explain the problem, and find a solution to your automotive repair needs. He always said, "I just love what I do", so much so

that most of his casual attire carried the Standard Auto Parts label. Being a former mechanic and instructor himself, Mike suggested that Standard work with Westside skill Center to develop a student internship program. Over the past two years, about 8 students have been able to participate in the program. Mike actively worked in the store as an Assistant Manager until the end of 2011, when he became disabled. But he was still the guy to see fir advise when you had car problems and he still wore his Standard Auto Parts shirts.

Mike loved family, loved cooking, and loved eating out. He was the grill master on the deck and a top chef in the kitchen. He used so many pots whenever he cooked that his wife would call him "Tu-Pots". He loved spending time with his grandkids, watching and collecting movies, comic books, model cars, and sports figurines.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Alvette Chase; his father, Pastor Lassiter Basket; three daughters, Kenya Balis Scales (Lauren), Stephanie Jones, and Pamela Balis; three step-children, John Carr, Anton Johnson and Gevette Branch-Diedhiou (Assane); 6 grandchildren; 1 brother, Dell Balis, Sr., (brother Jerome Monroe, Sr. preceded him in death); 1 god-daughter, Shemaka McNeil; 5 sisters-in-law, Lureguis Paige (Bruce), Selmar Chambers, Shirley Chase, Anna Mae Monroe and Annie Balis; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends (old & new), and all of the many people who were touched by his love and friendship.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 12. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church
6020 Marian Dr.
Baltimore, MD

Wake

NOV 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Kevin Balis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I remember Balis, Carver the Class of 79. "Success is on our minds the Class of 79" glad to see he was successful. Big Heart, Passionate, and caring he will be remembered.*
- Lew

Lew Pin - November 15, 2012 at 07:36 AM



“ *so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - November 15, 2012 at 05:18 AM



“ *Rosa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Kevin Balis*



Rosa Johnson - November 12, 2012 at 06:44 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - November 09, 2012 at 08:47 AM