



Michael R. Butler

November 9, 1948 - December 31, 2014

A very special person, MICHAEL ROBERT BUTLER, departed this life suddenly on December 31, 2014. He was the eldest of 12 children born to the union of James Joseph, Jr. and Mary Ernell Butler. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Xavier and James Joseph, III.

Born in Hollywood, Maryland on November 9, 1948, "Mike", as he was affectionately known, began his education in the St. Mary's County School System at Banneker School, in Loveville, Maryland. In 1966, he was a member of the first integrated, graduating class of Chopticon High School. Mike matriculated at Morgan State University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1970. Focused on advancing his education at Morgan, he earned his Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Policy Analysis in 1973. His education continued at the University of Baltimore's School of Law, and in 1979, his Jurist Doctor Degree was conferred upon him.

While at Morgan State, Michael participated in the R.O.T.C. program and after its successful completion he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, U.S. Army infantry in May of 1970. Tours of duty included the regular Army and National Guard. He held the rank of Captain, U.S. Army Infantry Reserve at the time of his departure from active service.

Mike's employment history is quite extensive and includes: The Baltimore Urban League as Recruiting Counselor and Associate Director of Health, Welfare and Housing; the C&P Telephone Company as Personnel Manager of EEOC & Affirmative Action; co-owner and manager of his fast-food establishment-Just Burgers, which was located in the nationally renowned Harborplace, where you would get not just any burger, but his mom's own recipe; University of Maryland at Baltimore & University of Maryland Medical Systems' Affirmative Action Coordinator; and faculty member at Catonsville Community College, Coppin State College and Strayer Business College. The Baltimore City Community College was his place of employment at the time of his death. Dr. Butler had been a faculty member at this institution since 1989. His final position at the college was Assistant Professor of Law. Dr. Butler was an educator who loved to teach and was dedicated to motivating his students towards excellence.

Michael loved "city life", and was a homeowner in the Auchentoroly Terrace Community for more than 40 years. He was affectionately given the title of "the Mayor of Auchentoroly Terrace", and his community was very important to him, as he was a great advocate of community involvement and development. Michael was an active member of the Morgan State University Alumni Association and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. His hobbies include fishing and traveling to the Caribbean Islands. He also enjoyed cooking. Donning himself with a chef's hat and apron, he proudly presented tasty gourmet meals. he was the quintessential jazz enthusiast and could be found at many of Baltimore's jazz "spots". Mike's love for music began at an early age, and as a young man, he was a proficient trumpet player. He was always impeccably dressed and was rarely without one of his signature coordinating scarves draped around his neck, which earned him the nickname, "Scarf". Mike enjoyed long leisurely walks through Druid Hill Park where he would meditate on the goodness of GOD and pray for others.

Most importantly in his life was his love of family. His very large circle of relatives could be found at many yearly holiday gatherings, and we would often lodge wagers as to the time he would make his grand entrance. Instead of scolding him for his lateness, he would always be met with warm greetings, hugs and kisses!

He is survived by his siblings: Shirley, Jerry (Romaine), Deborah (Jay), Josephine, Ethel, James (Deborah), Cynthia, William, and Stephanie (Stephen); aunts, Veronica Jacob (Earl), Angela Green (Art); uncle, Steven Nolan (Shirley); nephews and nieces, Gregory (Carla), Ernest (Lisa), Christina (Brock), Melissa and Antoine; (8) great nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins and close friends.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery

38888 Dr. Johnson Road, P.O. Box 497
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 8. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Wake

JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

TY

“ Thank you for the pleasure of sitting in your class and basking in your excitement to teach. You were definitely someone who I will always remember. I appreciate you. Thank you. May your family find comfort in knowing that your spirit lives on and the love and life you brought to so many of your former students.

*My deepest condolences,
Tyleshia Monroe*

Tyleshia - January 16, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *Michael R. Butler*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

IU

“ *Tonight I was writing a poem and I remembered Dr. Butler. I had taken his English class at Baltimore City Community College in 2004. I was thinking about the things he had thought me and wanted to look him to find out that he is gone. This breaks my heart. Dr. Butler was a great man, a great teacher. He made me love arts, humanities and music. He brought humor to class. May he rest in peace and may his legacy live on. Adieu Dr. Butler.*



Ijeoma C Uzoho - November 09, 2018 at 01:56 AM

JO

“ *The Very Amazing Dr. Butler easily the best professor I ever had and the scarfs where his own trademark! everyone tried but only He could pull it off!*

Joel - January 09, 2015 at 10:53 AM

JH

“ *Mr. & Mrs. James Butler and the Butler family my prayers and condolences are with you all during your time of bereavement. May God continue to strengthen and keep during your time of sorrow. God Bless, Love You, Juanita*

Juanita Harvin - January 09, 2015 at 12:13 AM

JH

“ *Juanita Harvin lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Butler*



Juanita Harvin - January 09, 2015 at 12:05 AM

KL

“ *I will miss Professor Michael Butler...I am going to take everything he taught me and walk right across that stage and get my degree. Professor Butler you left all of us with enough hope to become something better.*

KAREN LOGAN - January 08, 2015 at 10:07 PM

VA

“ *Dr. Butler's infectious smile, stroll, laugh, and scarf were the trademarks that will always be remembered. His passion for good food, music, his love of family, friends and students will live on through all that had the honor of meeting and knowing him.*

Rest in paradise my regal friend!

V. Leverette

valerie - January 08, 2015 at 08:13 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Butler*



Lisa Jackson - January 08, 2015 at 07:22 PM

RC

“ *It saddens me to say good-bye to such a smart, compassionate man. Dr Butler was a class act and will be greatly missed on Campus. He will be greatly missed by all who had the chance to know him. God Bless & I wish his family all the best & God's grace in this time of mourning.*

Rest In Paradise Dr. Butler

Rhonda Coates - January 08, 2015 at 01:01 PM

LM

“ *Lynda Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael R. Butler*



Lynda Maddox - January 08, 2015 at 12:13 PM

LM

Under His wings, I am safely abiding, Though the night deepens and tempests are wild; Still I trust Him-I know He will keep me, He has redeemed me and I am His child.

In prayer and sorrow for your loss, at this difficult time.

Lynda Maddox - January 08, 2015 at 12:17 PM

BC

“ *As a student of Dr. Butler I will have fond memories of how we met. Talking to him gave me that desire, to be in his class now and forever. I hold those memories in my heart...Barbara Chester*



Barbara Chester - January 08, 2015 at 10:28 AM

PB

“ *My condolences to the family of Michael R. Butler and the BCCC family. Dr. Butler was an advocate for his students. He will be dearly missed. God bless the family*



Peggie Butler-Watson

Peggie Butler-Watson - January 08, 2015 at 08:30 AM

AH

“ I wish to extend my condolences to the Butler Family on the passing of your beloved family member Dr. Michael Butler. I was shocked when I learned Dr. Butler passed. Dr. Butler has left a footprint in my life and here on earth. I will miss him terribly especially seeing him daily and hearing that infectious laugh, big smile, his hat, briefcase, and lastly his infamous scarves. BCCC will not be the same without you. Dr. Butler you have earned your wings. God Bless, Aisha Heyward



Aisha Heyward - January 07, 2015 at 08:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael R. Butler.



January 07, 2015 at 02:56 PM

EB

“ Jerry, Shirley, Deborah, and family, I was saddened to hear of Mike's passing. My regrets are that, after high school, we did not have much of a relationship, but I do have vivid memories of Michael as a gentleman and a very good musician. May he Rest In Peace! To you, the family, you will be in my thoughts and prayers as you transition to life without Mike.

*With regrets and sympathy,
Ernest Baker*

Ernest Baker - January 07, 2015 at 01:16 PM

EB

“ Ernest Baker lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Butler



Ernest Baker - January 07, 2015 at 01:06 PM

HL

“ Herb & Charlene Love purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Michael R. Butler.



Herb & Charlene Love - January 07, 2015 at 11:17 AM

CL

“ Charlene Love lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Butler



Charlene Love - January 07, 2015 at 11:03 AM

MR

“ So very sorry to read of Michael's passing. My husband and I met him at Left Bank Jazz Society and frequently ran into him at jazz concerts throughout the city. We'll never forget his beautiful warm, welcoming smile, (and his beret.) He always seemed truly happy to see us and greeted us like long lost friends. He was a man full of light and warmth and he will be missed by many, many people; even those, like us, who didn't know him very well. Our condolences to his family and friends. Mary and Richard Rimkunas

mary rimkunas - January 07, 2015 at 07:04 AM

WS

“ William and Carolyn Scriber purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael R. Butler.



William and Carolyn Scriber - January 07, 2015 at 06:49 AM

BM

“ To .Deborah, Jerry, Shirley and all of the Butler Family,

May you find peace during this sad time. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

Love,
Brenda (Thompson) and Eric Makle



Brenda Thompson Makle - January 06, 2015 at 06:59 PM

TS

“ *To the Butler Family, Jerry, Shirley and All
You all are in my prayers and you must believe that he is in God's
hand.
Remember him and the love that you all shared, for this will carry
you through this sad time. Keep your faith and God will see you
through. Thelma Jordan Strickland*

Thelma Jordan Strickland - January 06, 2015 at 06:21 PM

AR

“ *Mike and I met in college and have been
friends since then. His sudden departure truly
saddens me. I will miss him and will
remember his hearty spirit and love for jazz.*



Avis Ransom - January 06, 2015 at 01:08 PM

AR

“ *Avis Ransom lit a candle in memory of
Michael R. Butler*



Avis Ransom - January 06, 2015 at 10:32 AM

SK

“ *We are so shocked and saddened to hear about Mike. The first
thing we think of when we remember him is his big laugh and
smile, that and the love he had for his Mom and family. He will be
terribly missed. Love to you all, Sandy and Chris Krush*

sandy krush - January 05, 2015 at 07:05 PM

JT

“ *Jacqueline Hurt Thompson lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Butler*



Jacqueline Hurt Thompson - January 05, 2015 at 07:00 PM

WL

“ *I remember the 25 years ago when he was my partner in bid/wist, we never lost a game the bid was downtown, no trumps. He was the best friend one could have. I will always remember and think of you.*
SQUEEZE LEMMON

wallace lemmon - January 05, 2015 at 02:43 PM

LB

“ *Share a memory of Michael R. Butler or send condolences to the family.*

Lloyd & Fannie Brown - January 05, 2015 at 02:02 PM

LB

“ *Share a memory of Michael R. Butler or send condolences to the family.*

Lloyd & Fannie Brown - January 05, 2015 at 02:01 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Butler*



Lisa Jackson - January 05, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ *I am just loss for words. Professor Michael Butler/My Legal Advisor.... I will miss you!!!! You have been around the school like a fixture for years with your briefcase...speaking to all along the way. You made us feel so welcomed. You had many plans of returning this Spring 2015 semester, we now know ...God had many more... for your eternity. You have left us and with big shoes to fill, I must say and I believe all at the school will agree. I know you are over and ahead us and will continue to direct us in spirit.*



To the family of Michael Butler... I express my deepest condolences on losing such a wise man and member of your family. I was one of his legal students and actually had a subject/class of his this pass Fall 2014. My classmates and I were just talking about the way he taught us the ABCs' of case briefs and IRAC reports. Let's just say he broke it down each and every part of it. I thank him for preparing me.

Many blessings to you all; may comfort & peace come before you.

Rest in Peace Dr. Butler!!

Bee Wattyz - January 05, 2015 at 01:35 PM

LJ

That was so wonderful and well-written Brandy. I couldn't have expressed it better. He was a wonderful professor/man and I was looking forward to having him for a professor in General Law II and an online class in the Spring semester. General Law just won't be the same without him.

Lisa Jackson - January 05, 2015 at 01:51 PM

LG

I am sooooo sad to hear that Professor Butler passed away! He was such an amazing person and I am so glad that I had the chance to meet him & that I had the opportunity to be one of his students....I will truly miss him.He always encouraged me and told me that I would go far.I wish that I had a chance to see him again before he passed...To the family I am so sorry for your loss may God be with you.Professor Butler I know your looking down on us.We love you.

Lasherra garner - January 05, 2015 at 08:32 PM

JP

“ James P. purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Michael R. Butler.



James P. - January 04, 2015 at 01:41 PM

LJ

“ James, my heart, prayers and thoughts are with you and your family in the passing of your brother Michael. I have fond memories of him. Blessings, peace and love, LeVesta (Crutey)

LeVesta Jackson-Crute - January 04, 2015 at 11:43 AM

DA

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences in the loss of your loved one . May the God of all comfort be with each of you doing this time of grief and pain . Acts 24 : 15

Delores Allen - January 04, 2015 at 07:31 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 - January 03, 2015 at 09:51 AM