



Michael E. Chambers

July 1, 1947 - February 9, 2024

Michael Emerson Chambers departed this life on February 9, 2024 after experiencing a medical emergency while driving. A good Samaritan noticed he was in distress and summoned public safety to rush him to Franklin Square Hospital where attempts made to improve his state failed.

Michael was born July 1, 1947 to Laura Jean Chambers (Bostick) and Rudolph Chambers.

When their marriage ended Laura held various positions to care for her young son.

Michael attended the Baltimore City Public Schools and in 1965 graduated from Baltimore

City College. While at City, Michael was a member of the school's city championship JV

basketball team. He continued to hone his skills offensively and defensively on the courts

around the city. He was particularly attracted to Cloverdale where he was challenged by

some of the best players in Baltimore. For years, Michael was also a musician and played

in the brass section of the Falcon Drum and Bugle Corps housed off of Pennsylvania Avenue.

In September of 1965, Michael registered as a freshman student at Coppin State College (CSU) where he actively participated in student organization and in 1966, he pledged and became a member of Delta Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Soon, he along with other young and talented students joined Coppin's Basketball team. After a season, the players began to reflect team qualities eventually leading them to the 1st championship season at Coppin by becoming the Potomac Intercollegiate Conference (PIC) champions! That year demonstrated Coppin had become a worthy basketball opponent.

As a senior, Michael became president of the Student Government Association (SGA). Under his leadership, he and his staff recognized building inefficiencies, and a lack of funding from the state in comparison to predominately white institution. The SGA executive committee voted to address the student body. Michael informed the entire student body of the concerns expressed in the executive committee and a motion/seconded was made to boycott further learning at the institution and plans were adopted to move educational efforts to St. Cecelia Roman Catholic Church and other churches willing to

support student efforts. As momentum grew, Governor Marvin Mandel came to our headquarters to discuss student concerns and later, SGA leadership took busses of students to Annapolis and addressed the legislators. Coppinites were the only college students in the U.S. to boycott the treatment its institution was receiving from Maryland. Coppin students were seen as conscientious civil rights activists!

Michael graduated from Coppin in 1969 with a degree in Mathematics and taught in the school system of Baltimore for years. He and his wife of 34-years, Janice M. Chambers (transitioned in 2023) taught in the Virgin Islands for more than 7 years while Michael earned his Master's Degree. For another 2 years, they taught students in Ghana in the International Foundation for Educational and Self-Help program run by Reverend Dr. Leon Sullivan. Later, after some additional time in the Virgin Islands, they returned to Baltimore and Michael served as Chairman of Mathematics at the Crossroads Alternative Center in Baltimore Co.

Michael is a spiritual being and sought to walk his path through working with youth getting them to understand the importance of math as a universal concept assisting us in our

various life efforts. Michael is survived by his step-daughter Lisa Martin and her children, Devin and Devonna Anderson, three great-grandchildren; Deniya and Jerrod Anderson, Snoh Wachuku, a sister-in-law Kathy M. Hall, other family and a host of friends, and many Sigmas and Zetas. Michael no longer needs to walk - He flies

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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March Funeral Homes - May 17, 2024 at 01:35 PM

PP

As a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and a former Coppinite, I send my deepest condolences to Michael's family. He was a true "brother " to me and my line sisters. He was also a member of the Zoom group the "Eagles' Nest". He will be missed. Patricia Pitts

Patricia A Pitts - May 22, 2024 at 02:08 PM

KD

My sincere condolences to Michael's family. Michael was a great friend and leader to all students at CSU. Becoming our SGA President during his senior year was an Honor for him. Michael was like a firecracker whether while playing basketball or leading our student body boycott, always displaying integrity and determination. It was a pleasure attending CSU during a part of Michael's tenure. Michael, we salute YOU!

KATHLEEN DAVENPORT - May 22, 2024 at 04:10 PM

JJ

“ Mike and I go back to City, The Falcons and the Winston Steak Pub where we worked together as busboys. I've been trying to reconnect with him for for years only to find recently that he was gone. I am truly sorry for your loss. He was a in great guy and we shared some wonderful times together. He will truly be missed. Keeping you in prayer, John Cotton

John Ely Cotton Jr - October 10, 2024 at 02:15 PM

KS

“ Dear Chambers' Family,

We, the alumni of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Delta Delta Chapter at Coppin State University, were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Brother Michael Chambers. He was a cherished brother and an integral part of our fraternity family, and his loss is profoundly felt by all who knew him.

Brother Chambers embodied the values of our fraternity, demonstrating unwavering brotherhood, leadership, and dedication. His memory will always hold a special place in our hearts, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of brothers.

During this difficult time, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We extend our deepest sympathies. May you find comfort and strength in the memories of Brother Chambers and the love that surrounds you.

With heartfelt condolences,

Keith J Johnson

*On behalf of the Alumni of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Delta Delta Chapter, Coppin State University*

Keith J Johnson, Sr - May 23, 2024 at 01:19 PM

PM

“ From: Poinsetta W. McKnight former Secretary of the Falcon Drum & Bugle Corps, Inc. and Falcon Alumni organization. My family and I send our heartfelt sympathy to Michael and his family. Let beautiful memories of him be forever cherished. With deepest condolences, Poinsetta

Poinsetta W McKnight - May 20, 2024 at 09:21 PM

AW

“ My deepest condolences to Micheal's family, close friends and loved ones. I will always remember his smile and being a close friend and brother to my father Matthews Wright.

Aisha Wright-Burke - May 19, 2024 at 11:45 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 - May 17, 2024 at 12:18 PM