



## Michael Clement Cowan

August 15, 1951 - October 18, 2006

MICHAEL CLEMENT COWAN was the third child of the late Clarence and Natalie (nee Haywood) Cowan. Born August 15, 1951 in Baltimore, Maryland. Michael attended City schools and ended his public school education at Baltimore City College. After high school, Michael enlisted in the Army, following the path led by his older brother. He did two tours of duty in Southeast Asia serving in Viet Nam and Cambodia, and was honorably discharged in 1972. When Michael returned to civilian life, he held several positions which made him realize he needed to continue his education. He attended a community college in North Carolina, then transferred to Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida, where he majored in Psychology. Michael met and married Delta Gourdine in February 1982. Their son Jazwyn was born, in November 1983. Although their marriage ended in divorce, Michael and Delta remained friends. Michael had several passions in his life. One was his son Jazwyn; another was basketball, and lastly people in general, but children in particular. His grandfather used to say "There goes Michael and that basketball," because you never saw him without it. Despite his age, Michael continued to play daily until his health prevented it. He loved the game and passed that love on to his son and to other children who sought his skill and knowledge at the various camps and clubs in and around the city. Michael loved telling stories about how he "beat the pants off" his opponents in basketball or tennis. A hearty laugh, with his head thrown back always followed. His love for people, a persuasive, confident personality and a 'gift for

gab" made Michael a natural salesman. He made those traits work for him at various companies such as George S. May, International, AT&T, MCI, and U. S. Sprint, Lanier Business Systems and Big Brothers and Sisters of Central Maryland. One his most rewarding positions was as a Discharge Upgrade Specialist with the Vietnam Veterans Outreach Lab where he worked helping vets who had less than honorable discharges. For the last 18 months, Michael had been working to make his dream of entrepreneurship come true. "Just Making Children Informed" was a project encompassing mentoring, sports, education and nutrition, to help promote well adjusted, healthy youth. When Mary Johnson met Michael, she knew it was a relationship she wanted to last forever. They were together the last twelve years of his life. Michael's second home was Druid Hill Park. During the summers, as kids, he, his sister and brother would walk to the Park pool almost daily. As an adult he played basketball and tennis at the park, and jogged around the reservoir. He often invited Mary or his sister to join him in enjoying the benefits of exercise. From childhood on Michael was a sports enthusiast, but not just as a spectator. As a teenager he loved gymnastics, and trampoline work. He became an avid swimmer, mastering various strokes and dives, and earned his lifeguard certification. Fiercely competitive, Michael took on all corners in life as well as basketball and tennis. Known as the "Mayor" of Druid Hill Park, Michael will be remembered and missed by those whose lives he has touched as he made his daily visits to the Park, and by his friends and family that loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Jazwyn; daughter, Alexis; long-time friend and soul mate, Mary Johnson; sister, Darnelle Street; brothers, Clarence, Jr. (Toby) and Geoffrey Howard; best friend, Lesly Delney; nieces, Trina Valentine and Lauren Robinson; nephew, Devin Street; aunts, Gwendolyn Simms, Constance Haywood and Monte Cowan; step-father, Daniel Howard; his spaniel, Lexie and a host of cousins, great nephews and friends.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Michael Clement Cowan*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I think of you often. Just this week I saw your son Jazwyn. I know you would be so proud of him.##imported-begin##Tammy##imported-end##*

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“ *To the family of Mr. Cowan I offer my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Death is an event that we can hardly come to grips with. I'm sure you miss him so much, because he sounded like a person who had a beautiful personality; and was so full of life. It's really a shame, but I want you to know that sickness and death was never a part of God's purpose. Death is such a terrible enemy, and Jehovah God promises to destroy this enemy permantly in the very near future. 1st Cor.15:26 tells us, "As the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing." Then Acts 24:15 promises that there will be a ressurection of the dead. I hope that God's wonderful promises can bring you some comfort, and I hope in time his love for us will wipe your tears away.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##*

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“ To the family, I offer my sincere sympathy. When we experience the sorrow associated with the loss of one we love, I know it pains us like no other. God's Word, the Bible, offers us comfort. At John 5:28,29 he assures us that "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." At John 17:3 he also tells us what we need to do to ensure we are witnesses of this great event. I offer you an opportunity to discuss these wonderful promises in detail. Please contact me.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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