



## Michael John Drake

May 16, 1947 - October 19, 2024

MICHAEL JOHN DRAKE was born May 16, 1947, to loving parents, the late Edmund Daniel Drake and the late Estelle Odelia Jones. He was blessed with three siblings, two sisters Bonnie who preceded him in death and Toni, and one brother Edmund. Mike was very close to and loved his siblings dearly. Also, Michael was blessed with a beautiful daughter Rachel Jones Williams, who also preceded him in death.

Michael, affectionally known as Mike to his family and friends, was educated in the public schools of Carlisle, PA. He graduated from Bishop McDevitt High School. He furthered his education by attending Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1969.

Mike was introduced to the Church of God and Saints of Christ {COGASOC} by St. Sandy Duncan, his ninth-grade student. He visited the Tabernacle and found he was at home. He was a student of education, participated in Sabbath School discussions, and loved imparting his knowledge. He joined the COGASOC in 1980 and was baptized in Harrisburg, PA by his pastor, the late Elder Robert Madison, and the late Deacon Andrew Symes. He became a choir member in 1980, treasurer of the Son's of Abraham and a trustee for 10 years.

His first job out of college was for an insurance firm in Connecticut, but he

soon returned home to Harrisburg to begin his career and passion as an educator. Mike was employed by the Harrisburg School District mentoring and teaching youth for 34 years. He retired in 2005.

He became a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1966 AND SERVED FOR 50+ DEDICATED YEARS. He also was a Master Mason of William H. Plummer Lodge #271.

Michael visited Baltimore often!! Little did we know why he made so many frequent visits, it came to our surprise that there was a beautiful chocolate lady, that caught his eye. "The fabulous Linda Green!!" Their loving courtship started in 1991, and five years later he asked for her hand in marriage. Of course, she said YES!! On October 13, 1996, they were joined together in holy matrimony. This couple truly lived their vows. In sickness and in health, till death do us part. A blended family was made. Michael was blessed with two beautiful young men, Daniel and Keith Green. What a true and great example of a loving Dad and Father, that was Michael. LOVE, LOVE, LOVE.

He loved to talk, could talk, and would talk to anyone. He consistently kept in regular contact with ALL of his family and friends. Conversations were never lacking when he was around, whether with random people he'd meet during his daily errands, chewing the phat with his frat brothers, or banter with the neighbors. He always injected his infectious positivity and humor into every conversation. That's our MIKE!!! We'd always wonder what quirky saying he'd come up with next. A few of his favorites were, "We are busier than a one-legged man in a kicking contest", "I haven't seen you since Superman died", "Let's split like a banana split" and "It made my socks roll up and down."

Mike did community service as part of his daily life and lived a life of servitude. If he had the means to help ANYONE with ANYTHING no matter the task or deed, whether small or large, he was always first in line to assist. He would

often be the generous person buying and giving food to the homeless or anyone in need. Every year, he'd love to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets and go into the city and distribute them to families. We will miss his largeness of heart.

Mike also had hobbies. He loved cooking, fishing, reading, and playing golf. He knew he was the next Tiger Woods and THE (Emeril) Mike Drake of Owings Mills.

As a member of the Baltimore Tabernacle, he became a member of the local choir, singing bass and tenor with a few solos. He initiated the Motown Review for the First Tabernacle Choir, Prison Ministry and the Elder Care Ministry at Manor Care Nursing Home. He was frequently asked by the pastor, to give the word, for Friday evening, Sabbath services, including High holidays and impromptu occasions.

On October 19, 2024, after enjoying a glorious Sabbath service, eating a delicious meal and taking a Sabbath nap, Mike went peacefully home to his loving and merciful Father. The voice of his Father came to him saying, "Well done my son, your work is done. Enter now into the joy of the Lord."

He leaves to cherish his memory: loving wife and soul mate of 33 years, Linda; two sons, Daniel Michael Green Jr. and Keith Green (Jinaki); one sister, Toni Meyers (Larry); one brother, Edmund Drake; two brothers-in-law, John Anthony and James Dyson Sr.; one sister-in-law, Amy Dyson Boekhoudt; six grandchildren, Jasmine, Michael, Zachary, Noah, Kobe, and Jadon; six godchildren, Alethea, Justin, Devron, LaSean, Andre, LeRoyal; six grandchildren, great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and lifelong friends.

# 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

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Rd  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Wake

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT **27**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Michael John Drake*



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**March Life Tribute Centers** - October 26, 2024 at 09:04 PM

NP

*To St. Linda and family*

*We hope that you will understand although these words are few our sympathy is sincere, our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Your loss is shared by many who knew your loved one well. So caring thoughts are with you much more than words can tell.*

*Just some words to let you know how much we care. May you feel the strength of God as we hold you close in prayer. 🙏🌸*

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**Norman, Tameika & Zahara Parker** - October 27, 2024 at 12:16 PM

KF

“ *Wow Mr Drake one the best science teachers I ever had in my life all around good man good Mentor learned a lot for Mr Drake my condolences to Mr Drake's wife and family friends and the students that have Mr Drake Harrisburg High rest in peace Mr Drake*



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**Kimberly Ferrell** - November 06, 2024 at 08:39 PM

PJ

“ *My Condolences to the Family and Friends of Mr Drake. May God Continue to Bless You All! Mr. Drake was a nice and good teacher. R.I.P. Mr. Drake. Priscilla Dawson Johnson*



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**Priscilla Dawson Johnson** - October 29, 2024 at 08:51 AM

PR

“ *To my god-sister St. Linda and family, your loss is shared with me. Michael was a man's man and will be greatly missed but not forgotten. Love, you sister in spirit Patricia Robinson.*

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**Patricia Robinson** - October 28, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael John Drake.*

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October 28, 2024 at 07:51 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of the news of the passing of Brother Michael Drake. This man was a man who I idolized and admired throughout the bulk of my adulthood years. He is one who inspired me to join the Noble Klan of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated many years ago. He was with me in certain challenges of joining the bond and he and his wife opened their home to me during my process. He possessed those true attributes of a member of our bond, "True Manliness, fidelity thou ever dost impart." Brother Michael Achieved in every field of human endeavor and never made excuses. Brother Michael was also a devoted Prince Hall Master Mason. He was what I call a real man who took care of his family and loved is caring wife St. (Silhouette) Linda. I regret not being able to attend the memorial service, however my spirit and condolences are with the family and I will carry Brother Drake's spirit and memories with me for the rest of my days.

*Humbly Submitted,*

**EZRA NATHANIEL LOCKE SR.**  
**CHESAPEAKE/VIRGINIA BEACH ALUMNI SPR 07**  
**#2 "STORM CHASER"**

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**Ezra Locke** - October 27, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JS

“ My condolences to St Linda and your family. Although I didn't know Bro Michael personally, I have heard how wonderful of a man and husband he was. God Bless his memory. And may God comfort you in the days of this great loss. St. Jewell M Simmons, Boston Mass

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**Jewell M Simmons** - October 27, 2024 at 09:54 AM

ES

“ Linda and family,

*Eric and I send our sincerest condolences on the loss of our dear brother, Mike. No words can express the love we always felt from him, you and the entire Baltimore Tabernacle, even after we moved to Virginia. His deep conversations, laughter and true friendship will be missed. We are here for you all and will keep you in our prayers to The Most High God that you find understanding and peace. May Bro. Mike's memory be a source of comfort for you all now and forever. 🙏*

Eric and Lisa Sheppard - October 27, 2024 at 09:54 AM

PH

“ It broke my heart when I got the news, from Zachary. We love you, rest in peace. Will miss your uplifting conversations.  
Phyleshia, James, Zach & Marcell



PhyleshiaTinsley - October 26, 2024 at 09:07 PM

DT

“ Mike's sense of humor, generosity, and positive attitude was a blessing to the members of Cheyney's Class of 1969. He will forever be remembered and deeply missed. Please accept my sincere condolences to the entire family.

*Delores Thomas*



Delores Thomas - October 26, 2024 at 08:07 PM

PL

“ Linda and family,

*Rest in Peace, Mike. Mike left a lasting impact on those who were fortunate enough to know him. We will always remember coming to Baltimore and having dinner with you and Mike. You and Mike always kept in touch. As one of my line brothers of the dynamic 1966 Gamma Omega “Intrepid 29” and D. Jacks fantastic Cheyney choir, your melodious voice will always be present. In this time of grief, let us not mourn his loss, but instead, celebrate the incredible life he lived.*

*Love,  
Barry and Paulette Lessene*

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**Paulette Lessene** - October 26, 2024 at 03:29 PM

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“ Himyar Court No. 97 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael John Drake.



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**Himyar Court No. 97** - October 22, 2024 at 11:17 PM

AB

“ I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to Linda and the rest of the family for the loss of their loved one. Tongue does not adequately express the feeling of such a sudden loss. But know that his transitioning to that higher realm of existence has peace and he will live in a building not made by hand. May God strengthen you and hasten comfort from this pain the family has endured. - Humbly  
- Anita E. Brabson

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**Anita E. Brabson** - October 22, 2024 at 06:13 PM

AB

“ Brother Drake was an outstanding man whom I greatly admired and respected. We met at our Kappa Breakfast and discovered that we shared the ultimate history teacher Dr Elbert Harris formerly of DELSTATE AND CHEYNEY. As one of the newest angels, may you forever rest in GOD'S BOSOM.

*BROTHER BARNES  
BETA SIGMA 1966*

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**Arthur M Barnes** - October 22, 2024 at 02:24 PM

CF

“ Carmen Finestra purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael John Drake.



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**Carmen Finestra** - October 22, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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“ Carmen Finestra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael John Drake.

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**Carmen Finestra** - October 22, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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“ 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

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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - October 22, 2024 at 09:55 AM**