



Michael W. Skinner

November 4, 1941 - November 7, 2013

Michael W. Skinner, the son of Robert W. Skinner and Pearl M. Greene, was born on November 4, 1941. Growing up on the west side of Baltimore, he was baptized at an early age at Providence Baptist Church and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1959. Michael began his college career at the Maryland Institute College of Art before joining the Medical Service Corps of the U.S. Army in 1961, serving for four years in Germany. He continued his military service as member of Morgan's Army ROTC Bear Battalion when he returned to his studies at Morgan State College working towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree. There he met Laura Anne Gibbs, and they married the December after they both graduated in 1968. Michael began his career connecting African Americans with work opportunities at the Neighborhood Youth Corps program, helping many young people find jobs. He began working for the State of Maryland in the 1970s, developing and administering some of the first Equal Employment Opportunity policy programs. During his tenure, his name became synonymous with minority employment development. A recruiter, a planner, and a worker, Michael never really retired when he left the State of Maryland, but moved into minority business contract compliance as a Senior Consultant with the Armand Resource Group. A big brother to many, Michael was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (Beta Alpha Chapter) and a member of the National Society of the Pershing Rifles. As a Mason he was a member of Hiram Consistory No. 2 and has served as a Past Master of King David Lodge No. 18 as well as a mounted

patrol for Jerusalem Temple No. 4. In addition to his deep love of art, he was a highly skilled story-teller who spent much of his free time researching the contributions of Africa and African American's impact on the world. These passions Michael would later instill into his children and grandchildren. Michael W. Skinner transitioned from this life on Thursday, November 7, 2013. He leaves behind: his wife, Laura; their children, David and Alexis; his grandsons, Joshua and Jonathan; his sister, Marlene Carter and her family; as well as a host of family, friends, fraternal brothers and colleagues who mourn his absence.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 13. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

NOV 14. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Providence Baptist Church
1401 Pennsylvania Ave
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael W. Skinner*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the family and loved ones of Michael W. Skinner:*

Mike will always be remembered as a friend, professional, and team player to that tireless, enthusiastic cadre of African Americans Maryland State employees who were first hired to protect and advocate for the civil rights of so many long before it was popular and/or politically correct. God bless you Michael. Few may have known your name, but your diligence and works "speak" when you look at the racial diversity that is evident at BWI-Marshall Airport. But, ...the struggle continues,



*Lynnwood M. Taylor, MS
New Shiloh Baptist Church*

Lynnwood M. Taylor - November 13, 2013 at 11:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure you have many fine memories of your loved one that will bring you a measure of comfort during these trying times. Our loving heavenly Father is the "God of all comfort" and he can and will help you through this difficult time because "he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)*

D Allen - November 13, 2013 at 08:16 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 13, 2013 at 07:41 AM