

# *Celebrating His Life*

*Sunrise*

*October 12, 1972*

*Sunset*

*January 18, 2022*

*Arnold Lee Mickens Jr.*  
*“Mick”*

*Saturday, January 29, 2022*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Cloues Memorial Hall*

*4602 Sunset Avenue | Indianapolis, Indiana*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL.....	Musical Prelude
PRAYER.....	Bishop Larry Grinstead
SCRIPTURE.....	Minister
SELECTION.....	Tammy Davis
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....	Vanessa Waters
SELECTION.....	Lamar Campbell
OBITUARY.....	<i>Read Silently</i> .....Soft Music
REMARKS.....	Two (2) minutes, <i>please</i> .....Family and Friends
SELECTION.....	Lamar Campbell
WORDS OF COMFORT.....	Pastor Brent P. McFarland
BENEDICTION	
RECESSIONAL.....	Musical Postlude

## COMMITTAL AND INTERMENT

*Floral Park Cemetery | Indianapolis, Indiana*

We the family of **Arnold Mickens, Jr.**, appreciate you taking the time to come and share in the remembrance. Although this is a sad time for all of us, we find comfort in knowing how fortunate, he/she and I have been to know you.

## OBITUARY

*Arnold Lee Mickens Jr. "Mick"* was born October 12, 1972 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Brenda Conway and Arnold Mickens Sr.

*Arnold* dedicated his life to Christ at an early age. He attended IPS and Franklin Township schools. He graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1991. He received his B.A. from Butler University in 1996 and his M.A. from Indiana State University in 2009.

*Arnold* was for the most part, a serious child. He loved sports, with football of course being his all-time favorite. He did not like coming in second place and if you visit any school he attended, you will find a plaque, ribbon, or trophy with his name on it. He even won an award for writing poetry once.

*Arnold* had many accomplishments throughout his life. He was an all-state running back and linebacker at Broad Ripple High School. While attending Butler University starting in 1994, he was a two-time football All-American and set 18 NCAA Division I football records. He chartered the AEA Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. while at Butler University also. In 1996, he played professional football for the Indianapolis Colts.

*Arnold* made history in 1999 at Brebeuf Preparatory School as the first African American coach, where he also served as Assistant Athletic Director. From 2001-2009 Arnold was the Assistant Athletic Director, worked as Assistant Discipline Dean and Special Education Teacher at Arsenal Technical High School. In 2008, during his time there he also became the Head Varsity Football Coach.

*Arnold* served as the Dean of Students at Indiana Math & Science Academy in 2010. His son Allen had the unique opportunity to complete his first year of teaching at the same school his father was the Dean.

2010-2011 *Arnold* served as Vice- President of Xi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and from 2012-2013 he then served as President of the same chapter

In 2013, he founded Blue Ribbon Educational Services, LLC an educational staffing agency.

In 2017 **Arnold** was a Guidance Counselor and Head Varsity Football Coach at Washington High School. Arnold's enthusiasm for football was always evident.

He was currently the Guidance Counselor at Crispus Attacks, his 2021 Senior class achieved the highest graduation rate in IPS.

He was very passionate about education and our family knew who to call if our children needed help academically because he would give the "long education talk". **Arnold** was just a gentle giant and loved being able to help his students.

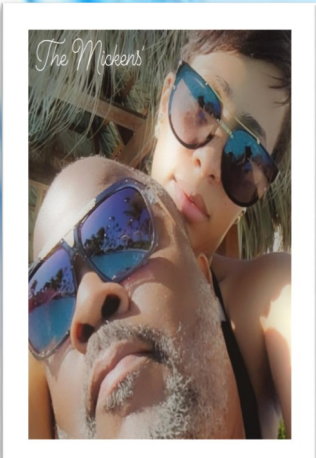
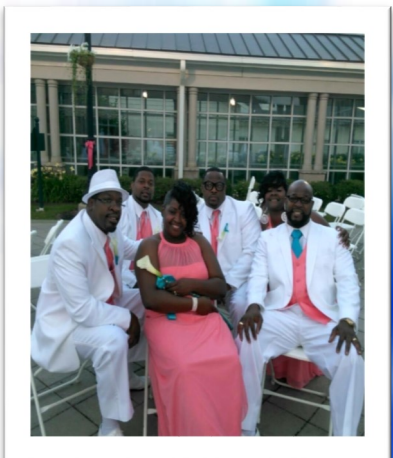
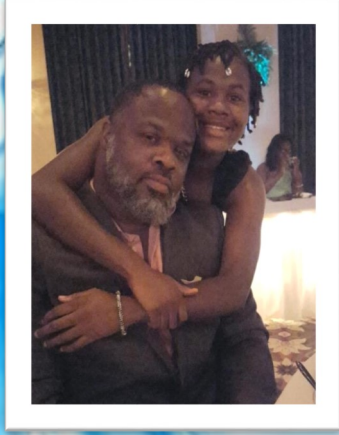
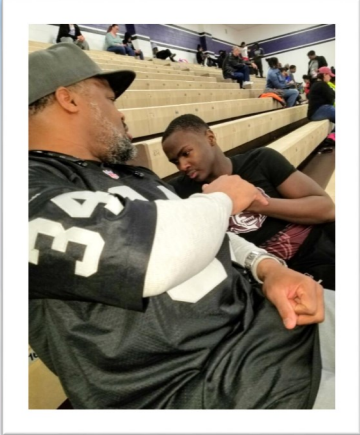
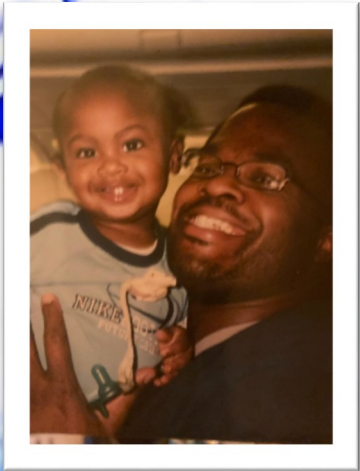
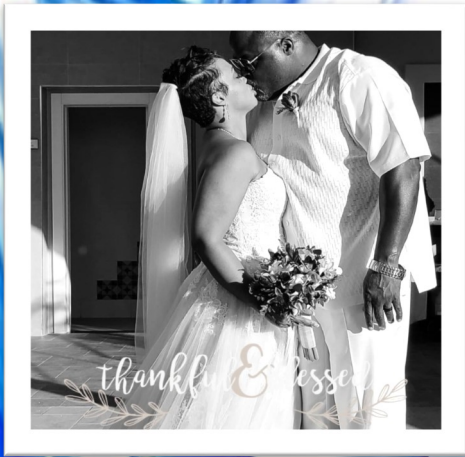
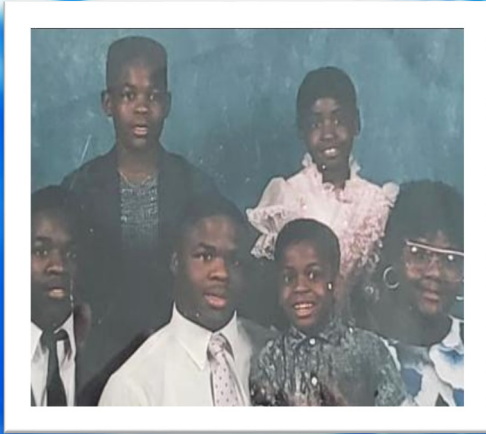
He took extraordinary pride in being a father and instilled education first in all his children. **Arnold** loved to drive boats, going fishing, he thought he was the expert griller and would enjoy listening to his old school rap music. He enjoyed traveling, seeing new things, he had a sense of adventure from scuba diving to jumping off cliffs. He enjoyed golf and playing cards with his family and friends. His love went beyond his own, his love was unconditional for his family and friends.

On December 21, 2020, he married his sunshine, Treana Humbles in Negril Jamaica. His wife said he was a great husband, great provider, great father, and great friend. She adores the passion he had for education and his students.

Although it is heartbreaking to have to say that he departed his earthly life on January 18, 2022, at the young age of 49.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Treana Mickens; mother, Brenda (Robert) Wegener; father, Arnold (Faye) Mickens, Sr.; daughter, Victoria Mickens; sons Allen (Alexis) Mickens, Sr., Aaron (Tamara) Mickens and Joshua Mickens; grandchildren, Allen Jr., Caydence, and Caydee Mickens; bonus children, Shaheen, Suneel, and Saniya Pitamber; brothers, Antoine Mickens, Adon (Maree) Mickens Sr., and Richard Jackson, Jr.; sisters, Tressie (Earvin) Maxwell, Diona (Roman) Threadgill, Kennie Jackson, Arnetta and Brittany Mickens; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**HUMBLY SUBMITTED.....THE FAMILY**



*Husband*

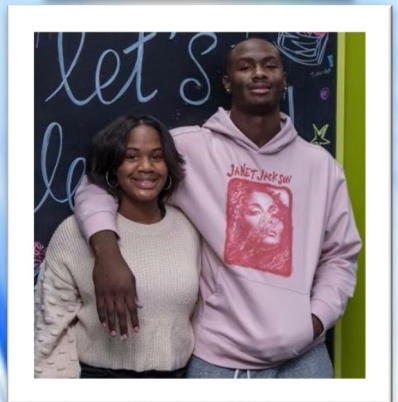
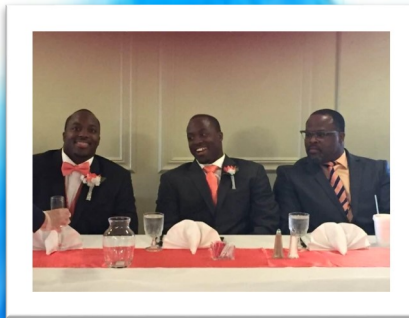
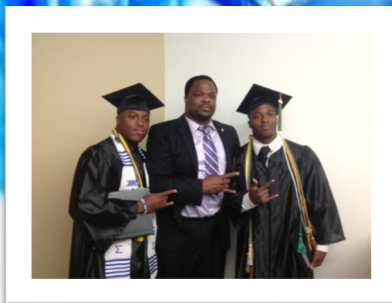
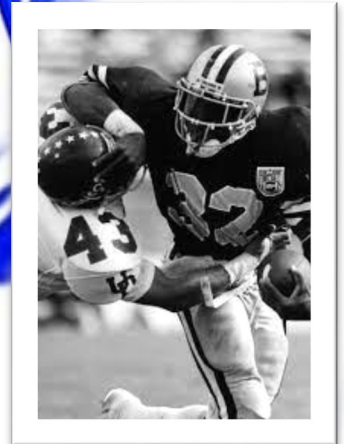
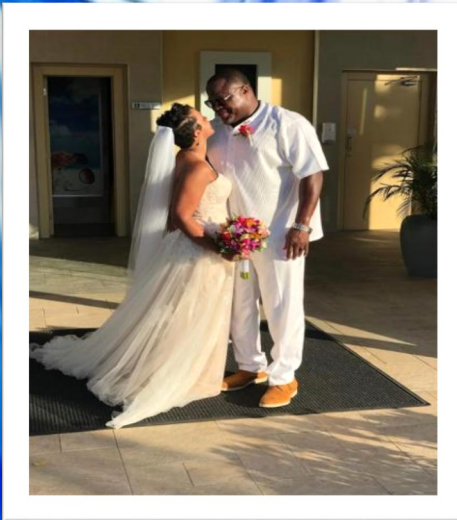
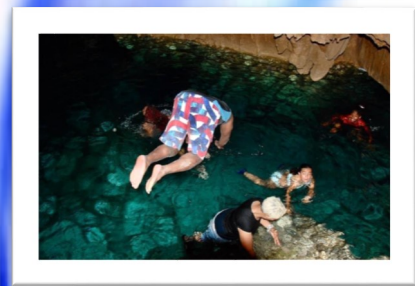
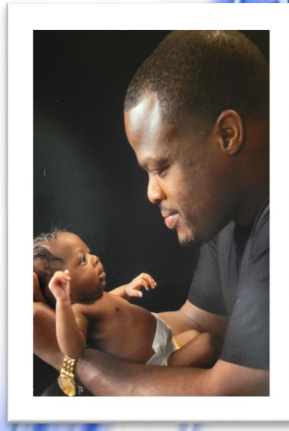
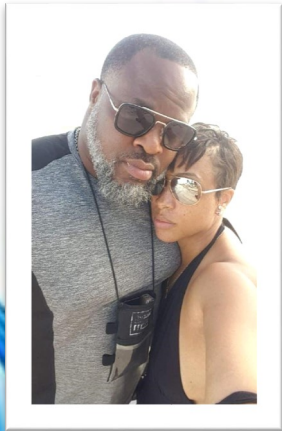
*They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,  
But neither time or reason,  
Will change the way we feel.*

*Gone are the days, we used to share  
But in my heart, you are always there  
The gates of memories will never close  
I miss you more than anybody knows....*

*Love and miss you everyday*

*Till we meet again,*

*Your Sunshine*



## DAD

*You gave no one a last farewell,  
Nor ever said goodbye.  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
A million times we'll miss you.  
A million times we'll cry.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
No one else can ever fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God took you home.  
We will meet again someday,  
I know in a better place.  
I thank God He made you my Dad,  
While you were here on earth.*

*Allen, Aaron, Joshua & Victoria*

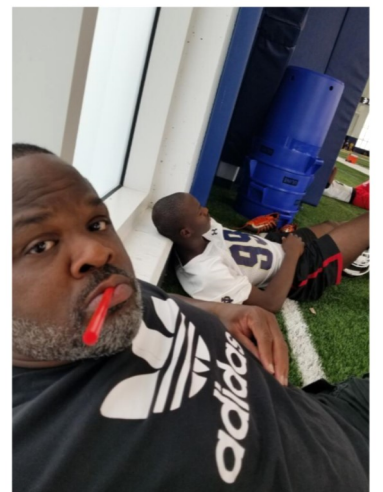
*Allen, Sr. says, his father was loving, selfless, supportive, influential, and extraordinary*

*Aaron says, his father was encouraging, loving, inspirational, dedicated and forgiving*

*Joshua (Champ) says, his father was strong, hardworking, father, loving, wise and kind*

*Victoria (Titta) says, her father was wise, caring, loving, good listener, kind, funny and amazing.*





*Arnold*

*Son on the beautiful day that you were born*

*It never, ever occurred to me that you would go first*

*Leaving me here to mourn*

*And all the pieces of me that you took when you left*

*I can't get back until I see you again myself*

*I'm not saying goodbye, NO this is not farewell*

*I'll be looking for you in the day it's my turn to come up the*

*Heavenly stairwell*

*I love and miss you so very much my baby*

*Love Mama*



*Brother*

*Our heart aches in sadness  
And tears still constantly flow  
What it meant to lose you  
No one will never know  
Our family chain has been broken  
And nothing will seem the same  
But as God calls us one by one  
The chain will link again.*

*Your siblings,  
Antoine, Tressie, Adon, Diona & Ricky*

## PALLBEARERS

*Joshua Mickens*  
*Allen Mickens Jr.*  
*Antoine Mickens*  
*James Merritt*  
*Adell Means*

*Aaron Mickens*  
*Adon Mickens Sr.*  
*Richard Jackson Jr.*  
*Dorian Wilson*  
*Jeff Cooks*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Anthony Bond Jr.*  
*Suneel Pitamber*

*Shaheen Pitamber*  
*Dean Vinson*

*Tony Jackson*

## FLOWER BEARERS

*Taleaha Day*  
*Victoria Mickens*  
*Tiera Gardner*  
*Tyona Mickens*

*Alyssa Maxwell*  
*Saniya Pitamber*  
*April Davis*  
*Tyaisha Conway*

*Miss me but let me go*  
*When I come to the end of the road*  
*And the sun has set for me*  
*I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.*  
*Why cry for a soul set free?*  
*Miss me a little-but not too long*  
*And not with your head bowed low.*  
*Remember the love that we once shared,*  
*Miss me-but let me go.*  
*For this is a journey that we all must take*  
*And each must go alone.*  
*It's all a part of the Master's plan,*  
*A step on the road to home.*  
*When you are lonely and sick of heart*  
*Go to the friends we know*  
*And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.*  
*Miss Me-But Let me Go!*  
*by Christina Rossetti*

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