

In Loving Memory of



Michael Battle
“BIG MIKE”

FEBRUARY 1, 1955 ~ FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church
21708 Byron Street
Perris, California 92570

Pastor Timothy Holmes, Jr., Officiating

Pallbearers

Martel Battle

Micheal Battle III

Marquis Battle, Jr.

Mark Battle

Keirie Battle

Damon Jackson

Honorary Pallbearers

Marquis Battle

Matthew Battle

Sidney “Tyrone” Battle

Moses Battle

Jimmy Battle

Michael Battle, Jr.

Anthony Battle

Keith Jones

Gregory Wyatt

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GUIDING LIGHT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Acknowledgement

Our family wishes to thank everyone for the many acts of love and concern during our bereavement. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated, and our deepest gratitude to all who participated in the services. The care you have shown will always be remembered.

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The Life of "BIG MIKE"

MICHAEL ARMINAE BATTLE, ALSO KNOWN AS "BIG MIKE", was welcomed with love as the third child of his parents, Helen Battle and Sidney Battle, on February 1, 1955. He graduated from Perris High School in 1971, where he met and shortly thereafter married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Alice. From their love, they created four beautiful children: three boys: Michael, Marquis, and Martel, and one girl: Melissa.

Michael was raised in the Baptist church and was a man of God. He retained his faith until he went home to meet the Lord. He attended church with his wife, daughter, and grandchildren at Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church of Perris, California.

Michael worked for The Temecula Fire Department for many years and then went to work as a railroad mechanic with TTX. He then retired from the railroad and devoted his time to having fun and caring for his family. As a young man, "Big Mike" was gifted with many talents. He was a football player at Perris High School, a mechanic, martial artist, guitarist, poet, and singer. He was a part of the infamous family singing group, "BattleZone", with his brothers. Michael had a passion for and extensive knowledge of holistic and horticulture medicine that will continue to be practiced by many. He enjoyed nature and loved talking about God's creation. He loved to teach others new things and was an avid learner.

"Big Mike" was favored by all. He showed up at every family function with a joke to tell, followed by a catch phrase that we all find ourselves saying today. His sayings such as "You're Thru... T-H-R-U," "Shalom, Shalom, no Al Capone," and "This is America, but it ain't free!" were some of many. "Big Mike" always had a smile on his face and provided a listening ear, and if he couldn't provide a solution to your problem, he would politely let you know, "You better stop talking to Bob and take it up with God." He had the most infectious and charming personality that we will never forget. "Big Mike" was truly one of a kind; you could always count on him. He was a father figure to most and didn't mind letting you know how much he loved and cared for you. The sky was the limit when it came to providing for the most important women in his life: his wife, his mother, and his daughter. Raising his children and grandchildren brought him the utmost joy and happiness.

Michael "Big Mike" Battle was called home to be with the Lord on February 14, 2021. He was preceded in death by his mother: Helen Olivia Battle; father: Sidney Battle; brothers: John Rufus Williams, Jr., James E. Williams, Billy Matthew, and Theophilus Thaddeus Battle; and sister: Latrina Woodberry.

To cherish his memory, he leaves his wife of 44 years: Alice Holmes-Battle; sons: Michael Battle, Jr., Marquis Battle, aka Najid Abraham, and Martel Battle; daughter: Melissa Battle; stepmother: Rita Battle; stepfather: Curtis L. Jones; six brothers: Sidney Tyrone Battle (Roshann), Timothy Battle, Anthony Battle, Boyce Battle, Jimmy Battle, and Carl Woodberry (Nateeanna); sisters: Robin Miyoshi Landry (Mark), Hionikki M. Triplett (Raymond), Yendis Battle, and Lorretta Johnson; aunt: Johnnie Mae; seven grandchildren: Michael Battle III, Marquis Battle, Jr., Mark Battle, Madison Battle, Matthew Battle, Moses Battle, and Marlysse Battle; two great-grandchildren: Mia and Midas Battle; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

GOD, we thank you for BIG MIKE, the husband, father, son, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. He will be missed tremendously!!!

WE LOVE YOU, "BIG MIKE".....SHALOM, SHALOM!!!

Precious Memories



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Order of Service

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| Processional..... | Entrance of the Family |
| Old Testament Scripture | Dr. Edryn Jones |
| New Testament Scripture..... | Rev. Michael Johnson |
| Prayer | Rev. Michael Johnson |
| Selection | Sydney “Tyrone” Battle |
| Acknowledgement and Poem | Nikki Triplett |
| Selection | Amber Rufus & Charlene Linton |
| Open Remarks (Two minutes) | Family and Friends |
| Selection | Sherry Yates |
| Obituary..... | Nikki Triplett |
| Selection | “Take Me to the King” |
| Words of Comfort..... | Pastor Timothy Holmes, Jr. |
| Recessional | |

Precious Memories

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.*

*I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee;
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*

