

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# MICHAEL

*Erwin Burnett*

**SUNRISE**  
**October 22, 1981**

**SUNSET**  
**APRIL 15, 2023**



# Order of Service

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Wake: 11:00 a.m.

Funeral: 12:00 p.m.

The Powerhouse Chicago  
944 W. 103rd Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

## Processional

**Mistress of Ceremony** - Evangelist Cheryl Crater

**Scripture Reading** - LaToya Norsworthy

**Prayer** - Evangelist Cheryl Crater

**Musical Selection** - Brian Smith

**Acknowledgments of Cards & Resolutions** - Harry Arnold

**Poem**- Jennifer Lindsey

**Remarks & Tributes** (2 minutes, please) ...

**Obituary** (Read Silently)

**Musical Selection** - Tiffany "TiffJoy" McGhee

**Words of Comfort**- Pastor Jeremie Collier

**Parting Reviewal**- Woods Funeral Directors

**Closing Prayer & Benediction**-Pastor Jeremie Collier

## INTERMENT

Mt. Glenwood Memory Gardens  
18301 S Glenwood Thornton Road  
Glenwood, Illinois, 60425

## PALLBEARERS

Carlos Reed | Jamaal Derrick  
Dijon Coleman  
Willie Edmond | Marshall Gibson  
Keyon Tyler Button

## REPAST

All Nations Community Church  
18620 Kedzie Avenue  
Homewood, Illinois 60430

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Michael Burnett Sr | Cory D. Brookins  
Orlandus Burnett | Dennis Lindsey  
Eric Lindsey | Calvin Lindsey



# MICHAEL ERVIN BURNETT

**Michael Ervin Burnett** was born October 22, 1981, in Chicago Heights, Illinois to his parents, Michael and Octavia Burnett. He was the first of two children born to this union. He was known by his family and friends as Ervin (Cousin Smiley). He departed this life on April 15, 2023.

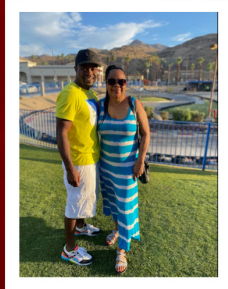
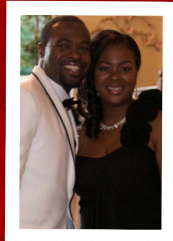
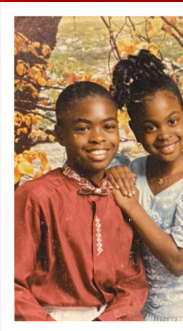
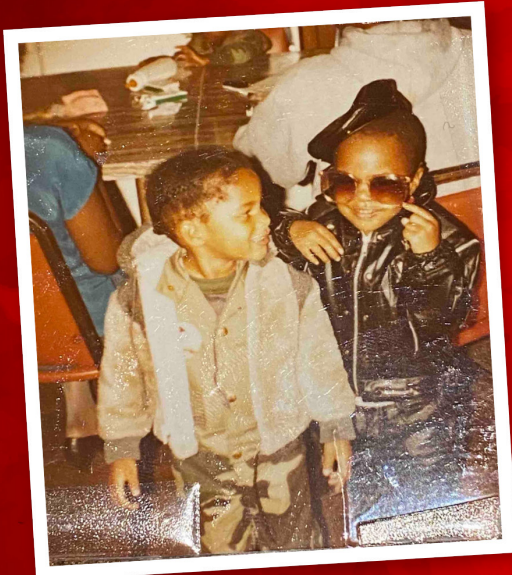
At the age of 9 years old, Ervin accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at Holy Ghost Deliverance Center (COGIC) in Chicago Heights, Illinois. As an adult, he later became a member and was baptized at the Powerhouse Chicago.

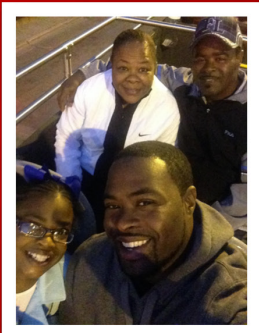
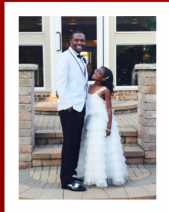
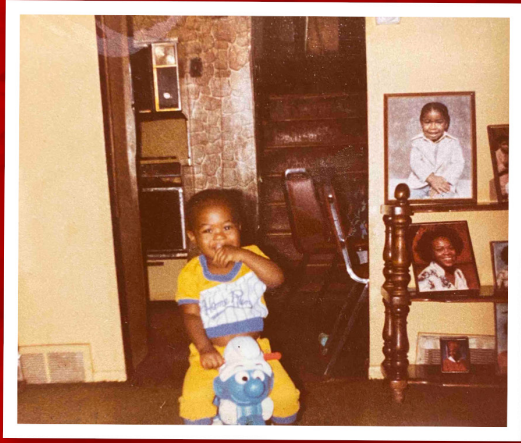
Ervin graduated from Rich South High School where he participated in football, track, and field. After graduating from high school, he attended Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois. Most recently he was employed at Vehi-Ship as a supervisor.

Ervin was a brilliant young man. He had a contagious smile that always lit up the room. He enjoyed sports, traveling, taking family vacations, and spending quality time with his family with whom he loved dearly.

Ervin was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Sammie Ervin & Jessie Lee Burnett, and maternal grandparents Dottie Ruth & Thris Lindsey.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory: his former wife Nakiah “Nikki” Burnett; precious daughters, Aniya Renee Burnett, Chloe Monroe Burnett, and Caydence Micah Burnett; one son, Michael James McKnight Burnett; supportive parents, Michael and Octavia Burnett, one sister, Kanisha (Cory) Brookins; one niece, Zoey Renee Brookins; four uncles, three aunts, one great uncle, one great aunt, a special cousin, Denise Wilson, who gave him the nickname “Cousin Smiley”, and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends.







# Golden Ticket

Buzzard: Ring, Ring, Ring...

Voice: Ticket number  
3,293,384,849,987,198,284, is up!

Me: That's me!

Voice: My child, you have exceeded  
all expectations I have set forth  
and I have called you home.

Me: Aww, yea... I see my grandparents,  
aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and all  
my loved ones that reached the promised  
land. Oh, I can't wait to get to the family  
reunion!

Me: But wait...what about my family  
who still walks the Earth?

Me: I didn't get to say good-bye,  
see you later? I just left.

Voice: My child. Remember, your family  
know to not fear, for I am with them.

I will strengthen them;  
I will help them.

Me: You're right. Can I still  
leave a note for them?

Voice: Of course, my child.

Me: Shed tears for now,  
but ONLY for now.

Me: Our memories together will be the key  
that turns the tears of sorrow to tears of  
laughter and joy.

Me: You will remember how my  
smile lit up the room.

Me: It's okay if I am not in the forefront  
of your mind as I will pop up randomly to  
give you a chuckle.

Me: If your memories start to fade you  
never have to look too far.

Me: In the quietest moment, out the corner  
of your eye just over your shoulder,

Me: Look... and I'll be there.

Me: While the last page of my autobiogra-  
phy has been written and my book is now  
published,

Me: Remember, life is for the living.  
I have yet lived my life.

Me: Now, go forth and add a new  
chapter to your book of life.

Me: I can't wait to see what happens next.  
I'll save you a seat at the family reunion.

*Love your cousin, Jeleya*

# *A Brown Kind of Love*

A limb has fallen from the family tree. But I keep hearing a voice that says, "Don't grieve for me". Your contagious smile, your big heart, your funny jokes, your willingness to help; you were one smooth man that I had the joy of calling my big brother. But on a Saturday morning heaven called your name, a day I would never look at the same.

You showed me a lot of things. I learned a lot that I didn't know, but you forgot to teach me one last thing; how to let you go. I know you didn't mean to leave me. It's a hard pill to swallow, but knowing God's plan is greater, His will I'll follow. I will miss being your little sister, hearing you call me "Brown". I wish I got to say one more "I Love You, Brown". You were a man of few words, but God was well acquainted with your pain. And knowing what's best, He closed your weary eyelids and has given you eternal rest.

It broke our hearts to see you go but we are assured it's only temporary, for on that great day, we will reunite in God's heavenly sanctuary. Take your crown as you rest, Brown.

*Love your sister, Kanisha aka Brown*

To my nephew, you are truly missed. Bundles of laughter, smiles, and humble twist. What a wonderful gift the most High has given this family; a good man anybody would be proud of. A son, brother, nephew, and a dad. Nephew, you were a blessing to this entire family. You got your wings, now go ahead and fly, fly nephew fly! I'll see you again nephew.

*Love you much, Uncle Orlandus*



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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Michael Ervin Burnett is indeed grateful to each of you for your visits, telephone calls, flowers, cards, and the many other kind expressions of love shown to them during this period of bereavement. May the love of Jesus Christ be with each of you.

### Special Thank You

The Burnett Family would like to thank Pastor Kimberly Ray and Archbishop William Hudson III for the love and prayers during this difficult time.

*The Family*

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