

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Viewing

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Old Testament: Psalms 30:5

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

New Testament: Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Musical Selection "For Your Glory" Latitia McFarland

Poem "Don't Cry For Me" Shavaghnte Martin

Remarks (2 Minutes Please) Friends & Family

Obituary Reading Cynthia Moore

Life of Pictures Compiled By: Tamaryah Williams

Musical Selection "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Brandie Alberti

Eulogy Andre Alberti

Benediction Andre Alberti

Recessional

Please join the family for a 'Releasing of the Doves' outside once
the casket has been placed in the hearse

Acknowledgements

The family of Michael M. Qualls would like to
express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your
kindness thoughts, prayers, flowers, and contributions
at this time of loss.

Thank you and may God Bless you.

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In Loving Memory



Michael Martin Qualls

Sunrise

April 12, 1995

Sunset

May 5, 2021

A Celebration of Life

Friday, May 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Imago Dei Church
1302 SE Ankeny Ave
Portland, Oregon

Michael was born at Oregon Health Science University in Portland, Oregon, on April 12, 1995.

To his siblings and extended family Michael was affectionately called 'Little Mike' by his family to distinguish him from his Uncle Michael, whom he is named after. He was a cheerful, friendly, and outgoing child who was quick to engage you in a conversation. Michael was extremely polite and well mannered, loved giving hugs, and always had a firm handshake for anyone who wanted to shake his hand.

He lived with his mother until he moved into the foster medical home. The foster care providers selected for Michael were Steven and Flossie Qualls.

The Qualls had Michael involved in their neighborhood church Maranatha, and then later at New Song. Michael enjoyed going to church. He especially loved the music at church and showed his enjoyment through clapping and singing. Steven and Flossie were always supportive and encouraged Michael's visitations with his biological older siblings and other extended family members every weekend. All of Michael's family members were invited to join in birthday and other celebrations that they had for him and the other children in their home.

Michael adjusted to his placement with the Qualls after having difficulty responding to requests the first time asked. Although known as 'Little Mike', Michael was affectionately called 'Big Mike' by Steven because he had such a big personality and presence despite his small physical stature. Michael was friendly and loved to meet people and have a conversation. Michael never met a stranger; people were always amazed by his ability to engage in a lengthy discussion with them.

He loved to travel, which he did while living with the Qualls as they frequently took road trips to visit extended family in both Ohio and California. The beach was another favorite destination of Michaels.

Both the Qualls and Williams families accepted Michael as one of their own, and he was called brother. He loved children, being surrounded by family and friends, and just hanging out. Michael shared with his father, Steven, a story of a woman he had met, and she said to him, "I don't know where you belong, but you don't belong out here."

Michael attended Sabin Elementary School and later, when the Qualls relocated to the Parkrose area, and he attended Parkrose Middle School. The family then chose to return to California and lived in Fairfield. Michael graduated from Armijo High School in Fairfax, California.

Upon turning 18 years of age, Michael decided to return to Portland, Oregon. Michael was known to pop by and visit with family members. He was anxious to check in and see how things were going and have a little conversation.

Steven stated that the last time he saw Michael, I asked him "if he had to do his life over, would he do it differently;" after Michael thought about it, he said, "No."

Michael's most immense joy came at the birth of his daughter, Arriella, in 2018. Michael's life took on a whole new meaning when his daughter was born, and she became his greatest love.

When you look at Arriella, you see her father Michael as she has many of his facial characteristics, i.e., his eyes, nose, and smile.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Flossie L. Qualls, & Yolanda M. Martin, and his brother, Walter Dean III. Michael leaves to cherish his memory, his father, Steven Qualls; daughter Arriella Qualls; siblings, Mary Dean, Cynthia Moore, Michael B. Dean, Shannon Griffin, Nina Mendoza (Ismael), Andrew Qualls, Glenna Qualls, Christian Qualls, Curtis Mitchell, Corey Martin, Kevin Martin, and Al'Shawnda "Ali" Martin; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, & many, many friends.

*"Some people bring a Light to our lives that
warms us long after they are gone."*

Pallbearers

Anthony Clay Joe Barker Jr. Andrew Qualls
Aryon Barker Christian Dequan Qualls
Curtis Mitchell Kevin Martin

Honorary Pallbearers

Glenna "Nauni" R. Qualls Al'Shawnda "Ali" Martin
Alashe' Peterson Yolanda "YoYo" Martin
ShaVaughnte Martin Arriella Qualls Corey Martin