



*"I'm Free"*

Don't grieve for me for now  
 I'm free,  
 I'm following the path God  
 laid 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 found that peace at the  
 close of day.

If my parting has left a  
 void,  
 Then fill it with remem-  
 bered joy.  
 A friendship shared, a  
 laugh, a kiss,  
 Ah yes, these things I too  
 will miss.

Be not burdened with times  
 of sorrow,  
 I wish for you the sunshine  
 of tomorrow.  
 My life's been full, I've sa-  
 vored much,  
 Good friends, good times,  
 my loved one's touch.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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**MICHAEL  
 STEVEN DOTSON**



**SUNRISE**  
 MARCH 20, 1958

**SUNSET**  
 MAY 03, 2023

**CELEBRATING HIS LIFE & LEGACY**

# Remembering Mike

**Michael Steven Dotson** was born to John and Margaret Dotson on March 20, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois.

Growing up in Robbins, Illinois, Mike was a familiar fixture at Robbins Church of God in Christ. He continued his life as a believer and one of his favorite trips was to escort his mother to the annual COGIC convention. Mike attended Thomas J. Kellar middle school in Robbins, IL and graduated in 1976 from Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, IL before pursuing his associate degree at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL.

**Mike** excelled on both the wrestling team and Robbins summer softball league.

It was during one such summer that his cousin, Debbie Dotson, introduced him to Janet Brown and the two became inseparable. Mike and Janet married on June 22, 1991, also in Robbins Church of God in Christ and together, raised a beautiful daughter, Marshawn.

**Mike** took his role of supporting his favorite girls seriously. He dedicated 37 years to the US Postal Service and, even in retirement, he couldn't sit still – taking a position at Enterprise Rent-a-car to pass the time.

Everyone who knew Mike knows that he lived his life full of adventure and laughter. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, sports, traveling, and of course, eating. If you were cooking, you were making Mike a plate.

**Mike** also loved car shows. It is this love that kept him cruising around town through the years, either in the vet, a caddy, or on his Harley – with no destination in mind.

**On May 3, 2023, God decided that Mike's destination would be by His side.** To keep his spirit alive, Mike leaves his mother, Mrs. Margaret Dotson, wife, Janet Dotson, one daughter Marshawn (Paul) Razor; Brothers and sisters: Bobbie (Margaret) Ward, Barbara (Henry) Bassett, Mabel Smith, Otis (Priscilla) Dotson, Janice DeBose, Maurice Dotson and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

**Michael** was preceded in death by (Father) John E. Dotson Sr., (brothers) John L. Dotson Jr., Charlie Ward, (sisters) Dorothy Dotson, Betty J. Dotson, Jacqueline Dotson, and Marie Payne.

# Expressions of Love

*Michael,*

*You have been in my life since we were teenagers. The years we've spent growing older together will always be cherished. You were the perfect husband, provider, and father. My heart is broken but our memories will help me heal. I will always love you. Rest peacefully. We will be together again.*

Love,

*Brown*

*Daddy,*

*Whenever your name comes up, it begins with 'He's my favorite!' A favorite brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to many. As the stories of how you've impacted people continue to flow, I smile and nod with the knowledge that although you were their favorite, you were my daddy. We have too many memories to share, but all of our stories begin and end with laughter. I'm forever grateful for all of the days and ways you've made me happy. And, for how you ensured I grew into the woman I needed to be before walking me down the aisle to take on the role of wife. As promised, your son Paul and I have got mama covered.*

*As I always said, you know how I feel about you and I know how you feel about me.*

*Shawn*

*Father Mike*

*Brother Mike*

*Uncle Mike*

*Cousin Mike*

*Friend Mike*

*You have truly left us all in awe, when God allowed you to be created to John and Margaret Dotson, he created the best. A lot of people didn't understand you because of your sternness, but sir you left an impact on a whole lot of lives including mine, so where do we go from here, we live, because that is what Michael would want us to do. So I say take your rest for you have truly earned it, you fought a good fight and you definitely kept the faith, so now I say rest in the arms of Jesus and I'll see you at the border lol (inside joke).*

Love you always and forever

*Belinda (Coleon) and Family*

# Order of Service

Friday May 12, 2023  
Wake 10:00 A.M. | Service 11:00 A.M.  
**Robbins COGIC**  
3318 W.137th st. in Robbins IL 60472

**Host** - Pastor Willie J. Anderson Robbins COGIC

**Officiating** - Pastor DeWitt Biloche

Refreshing Spring Holiness COGIC.

## Processional

**Mistress of ceremony** - Evangelist Belinda Biloche

## Prayer

## Scripture

**Solo** - Tanisha Smith

**Remarks** - Eld Derwyn Jones

**Remarks** - Marshawn Razor (daughter)

**Remarks** - Family and Friends 2 minutes

**Selection** - Tanisha Smith

**Reading** - Darlene Glass "Celebrating Mike"

**Acknowledgments of cards and resolutions**

**Sermonic Solo** - Bro Leon DeBose

**Eulogy** - Pastor DeWitt Biloche of Refreshing Spring Holiness COGIC

## Recessional

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Chris Berch | Denard Clement II | Earl Clement |

Dion Colquitt | Robert Cook | Jamar Dotson |

Paul Razor | Bill Washington | Kenneth Wiggins | Stacie Dotson

## PALLBEARER

Calvin DeBose Jr. | Mark Jones | Todd Payne |

Michael R. Dotson | Stanley Ward | Brian Oliver