

Celebration of Life &

In loving memory of

Michael James Wray

July 16, 1954 - October 30, 2022



November 9, 2022

9:30am - 11:30 am
Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home
4600 County Line Road | Mount Pleasant, WI 53403

*"Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love
and peace will be with you."*

2 Corinthians 13:11

Obituary



Michael James Wray, the oldest son born to the late Roger Wray and Dearma Wray, Walker (nee: Thurman) on July 16, 1954 in Racine Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at the age of 68 years old. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, brother, and uncle. Michael was united in marriage to the love of his life, Alma L. (nee: Mundy) Wray, on August 5, 1986, and shared 36 anniversaries together.

Michael was a lifelong resident of Racine, Wisconsin, and graduated from Washington Park High School, class of 1973. He faithfully served our country with the United States Army from 1975 through 1977. He was a member and supporter of the Wounded Warriors Project for several years. He worked at various places, and later retired from the Kenosha County Brookside Healthcare Center after 16 years.

Later in life, Michael developed a walk with Christ, spending moments daily in prayer, often recording his Christian walk in a journal. He was passionate about passing on wisdom to the young men in the family. At any given moment, you'd catch him listening to jazz, completing a word search or sudoku puzzle, or playing with his precious dog Willie. Michael had a big heart and was quick to respond to anyone in need. He was the kind of man who would overhear something to be done and handle it, without even being asked. He was a man of his word, yet did not tolerate any BS.

He was an avid sports fan, especially of football and basketball, often talking shop with family and friends. He was an expert on all things Marvel, and collected comics and action figures. Michael had an amazing voice, loved to sing (but never on camera). His mother-in-law would always say he belonged singing in a church choir. He was also an expert on cars, often making repairs for family and friends whenever asked. In fact, replacing windshield wipers on Alma's car was what sparked their friendship!

Family left to cherish Michael's memory are his wife Alma (nee: Mundy) Wray; children Samantha Wray (daughter of Roxanne Wilson West), Jovan Ash, Kimlon (Chester) Jackson; grandchildren: Robert M. Hudson Jr, Arianna Ash, Notorian Ash, Taiya Girley, Demetrian Ash, Mercedes Jackson, Chastity Harmon, Donovan Johnson, Anyah Jackson, Chester (CJ) Jackson III, Trinity Jackson, and Kayami Jackson; great-grandchild Josiah Parker, and Nova Johnson; siblings Jeffery Wray, Alicia Wray, Patrick (Denise) Wray, Christine "Tini" Hattix, Terri (Justin) Turner, Roger Wray Jr, MariEllen Touassiant; several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins too numerous to name. Preceded in death by his parents Roger and Dearma Wray, and his sister Christi Ann Wray-Starks.

Order of Service

Processional and Final Viewing.....	Clergy, Family
Special Moment	Wife and Children
Prayer / Invocation.....	Elder Chester Jackson Jr
Scripture Reading.....	Anyah Jackson
Words of Comfort.....	Bishop Kelvin Weatherspoon
Song Selection.....How I Got Over.....	Artist Michele Mundy Taylor (niece)
Reflections.....	2 minutes please
Reading of the Obituary.....	Elder Kimlon Jackson
Eulogy.....	Elder Chester Jackson Jr
Benediction.....	Elder Chester Jackson Jr
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to harvest; A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to tear down and a time to build up; A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance; A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones; A time to embrace and a time to turn away; A time to search and a time to quit searching; A time to keep and a time to throw away; A time to tear and a time to mend; A time to be quiet and a time to speak.

Family



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Pallbearers

Jeffery Wray

Jovan Ash

Roger Wray Jr

Cordero Barkley

Jonathan Wray

Robbie Barkley

Honorary Pallbearers

Patrick Wray

Robert Barkley

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May God bless you all abundantly for blessing us.

The Michael Wray Family

Poem

Dear Grandpa

*From the day I opened my eyes
Your smile engraved a memory into my heart*

*A love so great and undeniable,
A love so patient and kind*

*Unbearably intentional and gentle
With the utmost exuberance of cascading
Wisdom and intellect beyond my years*

*Your laughter rings an echo in my mind
Your eyes twinkle as you light up the sky*

*My heart yearns for an explanation
For more time -*

*For a chance to remind you of the love I have
To be reminded of the love that you gave
For a chance to hold your hand one more time
To look into your beautiful brown eyes again*

*When you enter my mind all I can do is smile
My heart warms by the thought of you;
And breaks to know that you're gone*

*Yet you are loved by those on earth
And protected by the One above.
He heals the brokenhearted -
And takes care of the weary.*

*So I can sit in peace and comfort
Knowing that you are with Him
Who loves you
Who loves me.*

*Grandpa, you will be missed. I'm so thankful for the time I was able to have with
you and for the memories created. I know you are smiling down on me from
Heaven and peacefully holding God's hand.*

I love you. - AJ