



Daddy, you have redefined the word father for me. You proved that the bond between parent and child goes way beyond pure flesh and blood. Your love and support has helped me become the woman I am today. In your eyes, I was beautiful, smart and capable of anything, something you made sure to tell me every time we spoke. You took pride in every accomplishment and every success big or small and for this I am thankful. I was blessed to have you in my life. You were the man I looked up to, the one who will forever shape my opinion of all others. Of all things you have taught me, the most valuable lesson that I

learned from you was what a real man should be.

~~ Your Loving Daughter ~~ **Shonte' C. Haley**

My father has always been someone I could look up to, someone I have idolized. For as long as I can remember, I have tried my best to make him proud and dreamed of the day I could finally tell him that I have surpassed him. Throughout our years, I have noticed more and more that we are so much alike. I can remember eating the same junk foods and falling asleep on the couch while watching movies and more recently I can say that I have been following in his footsteps without even realizing it. My father always wanted to help everyone and would NEVER let you hear the end of it. As I have matured, I have come to understand why. He wants to help, but he wants us to help ourselves even more...and well it doesn't hurt to be thanked for your accomplishments every once and while. I look to my father's passing as a challenge, but also a life lesson. He always told me that I am a survivor and that no matter what comes my way, no matter the obstacle, I will prevail. With his passing, the challenge that he has set forth for me is to be strong. To keep moving and doing what needs to be done, "Do the right thing" as my father would say. Daddy, I will strive to do just that. I will continue to make you proud, for I know you will always be right there with me.
~~~ **Michael T. May, Jr.**

### Acknowledgement

The members of the family wish to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all of the kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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## *A Celebration of Life for*



# *Michael Todd May, Sr.*

**Sunrise**

April 3, 1943

**Sunset**

August 30, 2012

### Service

Wednesday, September 5, 2012  
at 7:00 O'Clock in the evening  
**Canaan Baptist Church**

535 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Paterson, New Jersey 07509

*Rev. Barry Graham, Officiating*

## Reflections of Life

**Michael Todd May, Sr.**, was born in Paterson, NJ 1963 to the late Gloria and Charles May. He is the youngest son of four children.

Michael was raised and educated in the Paterson School system, and graduated from Kennedy High School, Paterson, New Jersey in 1981. After graduation, Michael then went on to Business School for Accounting, where he became a certified public accountant. He later discovered he had a passion for driving trucks, and decided to follow his dreams. Michael then went on to get his CDL License and became an independent truck driver. He then met, and married Terry Phillips, they were married in 1998.

Michael truly enjoyed people, and had a special love for his family. Michael's favorite team was the Steelers, no one could talk about football without Mike mentioning his team, let alone his Corvette. He was a hard worker who was dedicated to everything he did. He enjoyed driving, fixing things, and making people happy.

Michael was not a member of any organizations. He joined Canaan Baptist Church in 2000, and had a sincere love for the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gloria May, father, Charles May, sister, Cheryl Nadine May, special cousin, Michael L. Matthews.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories: adopted father, Cicero McDonald; sister, Yevette May; brother, Charles (Chucky) May of Detroit, MI; one son, Michael T. May, Jr. one stepdaughter, Shonte C. Haley; two stepsisters, Tammy, and Selena McDonald; a loving and devoted fiancée, Olga Gordillo; four aunts, Katherine Talmadge, Bessie DeGroat of Detroit, MI, Alberta Toles of Chicgo and ILand Doris Smith of Paterson, NJ; two uncles, Wilbert Mix of Framingham, MA, Douglas Mix, Aurora, CO; and a host of nieces/nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.



## Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional Invocation and the Lords' Prayer

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Resolutions & Acknowledgments

Obituary & Poem Readings

Reflections of Life

Words of Comfort (2) Minutes

Selection

Eulogy..... Rev. Barry Graham

Closing Selection ..... "When We All Get To Heaven"

Recessional



### Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery  
Paterson, New Jersey