

Celebrating The Life of  
Michael Douglas Raeford

*Sunrise: June 29, 1956 - Sunset: July 24, 2016*



*Saturday, July 30th 2016 - 1:00 p.m.*

**GRAY'S CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4750 Gray's Creek Church Road • Hope Mills, North Carolina  
*Reverend Anthony Raeford, Officiating*  
*Reverend Kelvin Barnes, Pastor, Eulogist*

# Reflections

*I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplication, because he hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.*

*Psalm 116: 1-2*

**Michael Douglas Raeford** was one of six children. He entered this world on June 29th, 1956 and peacefully departed this life on July 24th, 2016. He was a believing Christian and man of God. He was a faithful member of World Overcomers Christian Church (WOCC), Durham, NC and a former member of Gray's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Hope Mills, NC. He volunteered for several years as a Gate Keeping Usher at WOCC. He prayed and read the Word daily and had a personal relationship with the Lord.

Michael graduated from Southview High School, Hope Mills, NC class of 1974. He worked for over 20 years at Kelly Springfield Tire Company and also worked many years as a Warehouse Supervisor for several maintenance supply companies. Prior to his departure, he was a certified nursing assistant (CNA) for Volunteers of America.

Michael loved to dance and was the life of every gathering. He enjoyed life to the fullest and spending quality time with his family and friends. He had an infectious smile and a larger than life personality. He never met a stranger and always spread love to everyone he encountered.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Fred D. Raeford Jr. Those loved ones left to cherish his memory include; his mother, Dorothy Raeford; his wife of 19 years, Margaret Raeford of Durham, NC; daughter Glennita Raeford-Davis (Harold) of Fayetteville, NC; son Michael D. Raeford Jr. (Sherease) of Los Angeles, CA; and stepson Jafari Barnard (Michelle) of Atlanta, GA; two sisters, Patricia Dixon (James) of Fayetteville, NC; Marilyn Embree (Frank) of Fayetteville, NC; three brothers, James Raeford (Linda) of Charlotte, NC; Ronnie Raeford (Cindy) of Apple Valley, CA; Terry Raeford (Wanda) of Fayetteville, NC; three grandchildren, Jordan, Jaydon, and Zurie of Los Angeles, CA. Also cherishing his memory; his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

*Video Presentation*

*Processional ..... Clergy & Family*

*Musical Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament ..... Reverend Anthony Raeford*

*New Testament ..... Reverend Charles Moore*

*Prayer of Comfort ..... Stevie McLaughlin*

*Remarks ..... Pastor Nate Davis WOCC  
James M. Raeford, Brother  
Friend /Co-worker*

*Musical Selection*

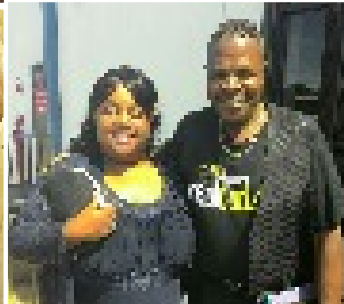
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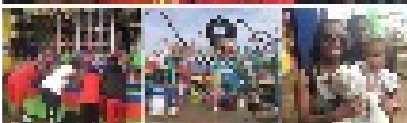
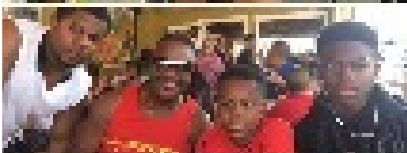
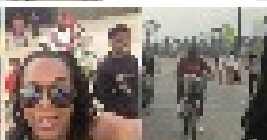
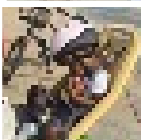
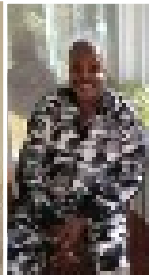
*Musical Selection ..... Swan's Creek Community Male Chorus*

*Eulogy ..... Reverend Kelvin Barnes*

*Benediction ..... Reverend Kelvin Barnes*

*Recessional..... Funeral Director in charge*





*“Life of the party”*



# If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway,  
and memories a lane. I would walk right up to  
Heaven and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken, No time to say  
"Goodbye". You were gone before I knew it, and  
only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness, and secret  
tears still flow. What it meant to love you -

No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me to mourn for you  
no more; To remember all the happy times life  
still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you  
today~ A hollowed place within my heart is  
where you'll always stay.

Author: Unknown

....Dedication from his loving wife



**Floral Bearers**  
Family & Friends

**Pall Bearers**  
Family & Friends

### **Acknowledgement**

*On behalf of the Raeford family we would like to express our sincere and deepest gratitude for the many prayers, calls, flowers, visits, cards, and other expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you and heaven continue to smile upon you.*

**Interment**  
Gray's Creek Cemetery

***Repast***  
***Gray's Creek Missionary Baptist Church***

Services Entrusted To:

***Wiseman Mortuary, Inc.***

431 Cumberland Street  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

