

*Home Going Services  
For*

*Michael A. Mason*



Sunrise: January 17, 1964

Sunset: May 29, 2017

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**Clinton Memorial A.M.E Zion Church**

151 Broadway

Newark, NJ 07104

**Pastor Johnnie Spencer-Officiating**

# Obituary

On May 29, 2017, we loss a wonderful father, loving son & husband, an amazing brother and a great man.

**Michael A. Mason** was born on January 17, 1964 in Newark, NJ to parents Donald J. Mason Sr. And Joanna Mason. He is the third of their four sons.

At the age of 13, Michael had a diving accident and spent almost a year in the hospital recovering. This accident left him with paraplegia and in a wheelchair. Despite this significant life challenge, Michael finished High School at Columbia in Maplewood, New Jersey and went on to earn a Bachelors degree from the College of St. Elizabeth followed by a Masters degree from the Post Naval Graduate School.

Michael built not only a successful career, but also what he considered an extended family, at the Picatinny Arsenal where he worked for over 30 years.

Michael accepted the Lord at an early age. He was a member of Full Gospel Church of Christ and most recently attended Hope Ministries Church. Michael met the love of his life, Angela, in the summer of 2009. They were married in 2011 and God blessed them with a beautiful daughter in 2013.

Michael was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, and Dallas Cowboys fan. He was the bond that held his family together and was always the one to initiate phone calls and send cards for every occasion. He loved God and his family with all his heart.

Michael is survived by his wife Angela Mason and his daughter Mikayla Mason. His mother Joanna Arnold and her husband Ronald Arnold. His brothers: Donald and Sandra Mason of Toledo, Ohio, Rodney and Donna Mason of Kathleen, Georgia, Jeffrey and Amy Mason of Riverdale, New York, John Mason, and Jonathan Mason. His nieces and nephews: Taymia, Melissa, Tyrone, Nesya, Felice, Jennifer, Shayonna, Kylah, and Kaylah, Julian and Wesley. Michael is also survived and loved by his aunts, uncles, cousins and his Church family.

# Home Going Ceremony

Musical Prelude

Processional

Mistress of Ceremony .....Asst. Pastor Addie Spencer

Prayer of Comfort .....Bishop Willie Taylor

Hymn

Old Testament Scripture .....Elder Romerrio Bolden

New Testament Scripture..... Minister Andre Bolden

Solo .....Pastor Johnnie Spencer

Reflections .....Family and Friends (2 mins. max please)

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Solo..... Sonya McLaurin

Eulogy .....Elder Johnnie Spencer, Pastor

Closing Prayer

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park Cemetery  
268 Ridgedale Ave, East Hanover, NJ 07936

### **Repast:**

Immediately following the burial at  
Clinton Memorial AME Zion, Methodist Church  
151 Broadway, Newark, NJ 07104



## Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

## Acknowledgement

The Mason & Arnold Families wish to express our sincerest appreciation to all of our family and friends for the many expressions of love that we have received during our time of bereavement. For those who wish to give in support and love of Michael, we have created a scholarship fund for Mikayla. Please visit the website below:

<https://www.youcaring.com/MichaelMason>

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