

Words of Appreciation From The Watkins Family

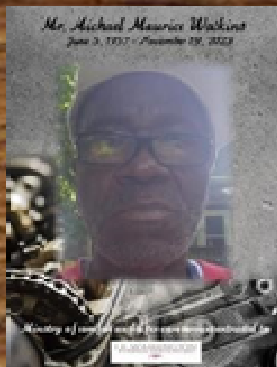
The Watkins Family wishes to thank the community for the intentional acts of love & outpouring of kindness which has been extended during this time. The family has been sustained by the compassionate ministries of prayer, peace, and presence during this time of great loss.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved father, brother, grandfather and uncle, we find solace in the memories we shared and the lessons he taught us. His kindness, wisdom, and ability to see the best in everyone will never be forgotten. He leaves behind a legacy of love and inspiration that will continue to guide us on our journey.



Comfort Ministry and After-Care Transitional Arrangements Entrusted To

J.E. Washington Funeral Services
2234 Glenwood Ave. • Youngstown, OH 44511
(330) 782-8500



Services To Celebrate the Life of



Michael Maurice Watkins

June 5, 1957
Sunrise

November 19, 1960
Sunset

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 1, 2023
11:00 AM



J. E. Washington Funeral Service Chapel
2234 Glenwood Ave. • Youngstown OH
Rev. Dr. Lewis W. Macklin II, Officiant

- Order of Worship

Celebrating the Life of Michael M. Watkins



Prayer of Comfort

Sacred Text to Comfort

Community Tributes & Expressions

Music Ministry

The Words of Comfort

Committal & Benediction

Recessional



*Pending cooperating weather
conditions there will be a dove release
ceremony at the Jaylex Event Center
2110 Glenwood Ave.*

John 14:1-3 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

The Life & Legacy of Michael Maurice Watkins



Michael Maurice Watkins, a beloved father, brother, grandfather, and uncle, peacefully left this world on November 19, 2023, at the age of 66, in the familiar surroundings of his home. Michael was born on June 5, 1957, in Youngstown, OH, to the enduring union of Robert & Ann Watkins who instilled in him qualities that would shape him into the remarkable man would ultimately become. Michael was known for his warm smile, gentle nature, and appreciation for jazz music. If ever a song described him, it was the Four Tops' "Still Waters Run Deep" as he had a special way, with his sense of quietness, of bringing positive energy into some of life's greatest challenges.

After completing his education and earning his high school diploma, Michael honed his passion for cars and became a professional car detailer & restorer. He took exceptional pride in his craft. His signature brim hats accented his easy laidback approach. Even while operating a vehicle, he was known for his mean lean whenever he occupied the driver's seat.

When he wasn't busy polishing cars, Michael found solace in the company of his family. He cherished spending time with his daughters Melissa Watkins and Carlisha Hammonds, whom he loved unconditionally. His brother, Marvin Watkins, brought him endless love and support throughout their lives. If you saw a sparkle in his eyes, it likely meant the presence of his adoring grandchildren Na'Zjay and Carmelo were in his company. They brought sheer joy and laughter into his life. He also shared a special bond with his niece, JaQula Williams, with whom he made his home, who always looked up to him.

Michael entered through the gates of Heaven triumphantly as he was ushered in by his parents and sister Marcia Watkins, along with a great embrace from the ancestors. During this difficult time, we discover solace in the cherished memories we embraced with Michael. While his departure leaves a void in our hearts, his spirit will forever live on in our fondest recollections.

Lovingly submitted by the Family