

Acknowledgement

We appreciate every expression of condolence, including your phonecalls, messages on social media, offers to bring a dish to the repast, and reaching out to help in any way with honoring our "Dadie." We love you all and speak God's blessing over you and your family. May God's blessing to you overflow! Your kindness and compassion will not be forgotten.

A special thank you to members of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church who volunteered their time and expressed God's love to our Family during the service: Sis Nora Wilkins (Nurse); Sis Lovetta Rivers (Usher).

~ORTELLO-DANDRIDGE FAMILY~

PALLBEARERS

Mark Ortello

Chauncey Dothard

Lamar Hough

Dashun Lee

Kejuan Kelly

Dionne Dawson

IN LOVING
Memory
"Big Mike"



"WHO YOU WIT!"

Mack Dandridge

OCTOBER 29, 1954 - JANUARY 26, 2024

Monday, February 5, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.

Jaylex Event Center

2110 Glenwood Ave - Youngstown, Ohio

Reverend Young Tensley, Officiating

Obituary

Mr. Mack Henry Dandridge, who was affectionately known as “Big Mike” was born in Youngstown, Ohio on October 29, 1954, a son of John Henry and Jessie Lee Dandridge. He transitioned peacefully to his heavenly home on January 26, 2024.

Mike met the love of his life, Ms. Leilani Marie Ortello in 1971. From this union, they gave life to 5 beautiful children: 3 sons and twin daughters. Mike and Leilani remained together in love for 31 years until the Lord called Leilani home in 2002.

Mike was a “Golden Bear” graduating from East High School on June 14, 1974. He was a certified welder through the New Castle School of Trades and worked with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company until it closed in 1977. Mike held employment with other steel manufacturers including Youngstown Steel Door, Aliquippa Steel, Gen Core Steel, and North Star Steel, holding positions as crane operator and welder. He was an unmatched skills man, the best of the best, and decided to pursue his love of working on cars at Jesse's Auto and Big A Auto. Mike was an entrepreneur and a well-known and respected mechanic, welder, and painter, retiring in 2020. Mike had a beautiful smile and loved singing and playing music. He played lead guitar for JD & The Soul Disciples which also included John (Bill) on bass guitar, Claudy (Kidd) on drums, Eveline (Sister) and friend Joanne as vocalists.

Big Mike was strong-willed and family oriented. He positively impacted his children and the younger generation who often looked to him for advice and strength; many calling him “Dadie” and saying he was “like a father.” He was non-judgmental and accepted others as they were. He helped so many people and was bigger than life. He loved to have fun and is fondly remembered for the sayings “fasho” and “who you wit!” Big Mike is truly loved and will be greatly missed.

Mike’s memory will live on through his children Mark (April) Ortello of Florida, Latoya Ortello of Youngstown, LaShawn (Craig) Ingram of Virginia, Marvin Ortello of Youngstown, a bonus son Chauncey Dothard, and a bonus daughter Jasmine Johnson, both of Youngstown; sixteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren; five siblings, John (Karen) Dandridge of Arizona, Lena Jones, Cora (Cleveland) Wilder, Phyllis Dandridge and Claudy Dandridge all of Youngstown; and a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife; son, “lil” Mike Ortello; great grandson, D’Waynelin Ortello; mother; mother-in-law, Ruth Ortello; sister, Eveline Dandridge-Ballard; sister, Josephine Robinson; brother, baby Dandridge; brother-in-law, Daniel Ortello Sr; brother-in-law, Anthony Jones; and nephews Jerome Stewart, Melvin Stewart Sr, Dymond Ortello, and Daniel Jr (DJ) Ortello.

Service

Scripture Reading/Prayer.....Rev Young Tensley

Video Tribute.....Children/Grandchildren

Selection.....Beatrice Bentley

Acknowledgments/Cards.....Kenny Wilder

Obituary.....Jabrell Walker

Formal Tributes (2 mins).....Family & Friends

Selection.....Kenny Wilder

Eulogy.....Rev Young Tensley

Recessional.....JE Washington/Pallbearers

Internment.....Belmont Park Cemetery

A repast dinner for Family and Friends will be held in the basement of the Jaylex Event Center in the Banquet Hall, 2110 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown, Ohio 44511 from 1pm- 3:30pm.

Jesus said .., "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this? John 11:25-26 (NIV)





