



James "Mike" Burris

October 5, 1966 - July 14, 2020

James Michael (Mike) Burris was born on October 5, 1967, to the late Willie James and Faye Ann Anderson Burris. He was a member of Gethsemane F. B. Holiness Church. He graduated from East Hall High School in 1985. He was a member of the Gainesville Gymnastics Team, as well as numerous clubs and organizations as a young man. Michael passed from this life on July 14, 2020.

After attending Morris Brown College, he entered the United States Navy from 1990-1998, serving on the U.S.S. KIDD. (DDG993), Norfolk, Virginia. Micheal served in The Gulf War known as Operation Desert Storm. His last assignment with the United States Navy was the Naval Reserve Personnel Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. After being honorably discharged with numerous medals, which includes: 2 Navy E Ribbons, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Bronze Star, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In his pastime, Mike enjoyed watching all sports, especially football. He loved to explore during family outings. He would often wander off to explore the scenery. Once at the World's Fair, he was gone for over an hour. He walked back with his carefree and infectious attitude, thereby avoiding getting into trouble. His contagious smile, his laughter, and his selfless disposition will always be remembered by those who knew him, and his favorite quotes were, "Hey dude!" and "Really, man?" While in the Military, he was able to travel the

world.

Michael leaves to cherish fond memories, his wife, Anushka Dawes-Burris. Two loving children, his son: Caleb Burris, Gainesville GA., and his daughter Britany Burris Gainesville, GA. His two grandchildren: Cameron Burris and Mckenzie Burris. His brothers and sisters: Deanna (Walter) Rucker, Lula, GA, Mark (Joy) Burris, McDonough, GA, and Misty (Terrell) Whitfield, Flowery Branch, GA. He is survived by his uncle and aunt, Bobby Joe (Joan) Anderson of Rochester, NY, and Joanne Zanders and Arthur (Lamar) Burris of Gainesville, GA. He will be fondly missed by his nieces and nephews: Jessica Brown, L. Nelson Anderson II, Nijah Burris, Jasmine Rucker, Ashleigh Rucker, Moreno Burris, and Mari Jai Burris. Also cherishing his memory are his in-laws. Michael will be forever in the hearts of his special cousins: Bobby Anderson, Jr., Sherri A. Armstrong, Erica Brown, and Russel Zanders. He is also survived by cousins in the Anderson, Cheeks, Johnson, Ingram and Sadlers families, a host of other relatives, and very close friends.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **20**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home
325 Summitt St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 536-3251
info@wimberlyjackson.com
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Park Chapel
2030 Memorial Park Drive
Gainesville , GA 30504

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Mike" Burris*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Cynetia Banks lit a candle in memory of James "Mike" Burris*



Cynetia Banks - July 21, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *Words can't express what's going through my mind and heart. But now be with Marie (Jay) and our 2 little ones. All I can do is be here for Caleb and Britany and your grand children (Cameron and McKenzie). I may look up and ask a question when something happens. You will always be in my heart. Watch over everyone.*

Shannon Winkler - July 21, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Dear Family,
Words cannot express my sadness. May the comfort of God help you through this difficult time. RIH. Little Cousin ! Love you From
The Brooks Family*

Tammy Brooks Saleh - July 21, 2020 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ Praying for the family 🙏



Joyce Mitchell - July 20, 2020 at 08:49 PM

GC

“ We're really going to miss Mike at the family gatherings. He had a sense of humor much like his dad's. We still miss Papa Jay and Nan! They always had a welcoming smile and engaged us in such interesting conversations. Good people!



Gary/Bobbie Cox - July 20, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James "Mike" Burris.



July 20, 2020 at 03:13 AM

KI

“ Sending up prayers for the Burris family. I pray that God gives you a peace that surpasses all understanding.
Kimber



Kimber - July 19, 2020 at 03:24 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of James "Mike" Burris*



Star Johnson - July 19, 2020 at 12:19 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee lit a candle in memory of James "Mike" Burris*



Daphne Brownlee - July 18, 2020 at 06:21 PM

RH

“ *Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Mike" Burris*



Regina Harris - July 18, 2020 at 04:54 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of James "Mike" Burris*



Star Johnson - July 18, 2020 at 03:40 PM

SJ

Praying 🙏🙏🙏 for the Burris Family ❤️💕

Star Johnson - July 18, 2020 at 03:42 PM

TB

My Condolences to the Burris family. Mike was a frequent visitor at my home in his earlier days with my brother-in-law. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Thalia Blackwell - July 19, 2020 at 12:33 AM

CR

“ Truly hurt by Mikes' passing.. May God continue to comfort each and every one of you as you all go forward...again my sincere condolences...Pray on FAMILY. 🙏🙏🙏.....REV ROPER

Christopher Roper - July 17, 2020 at 11:02 AM

LS

“ Mike my brother.

We grew up together and you are truly a brother to me. Your parents, Mark, Deanne, and Misty took me in and accepted me as family and I will always love you all for that. You will be missed my brother.

LS. Ingram

Larry S.Ingram - July 17, 2020 at 09:58 AM

CR

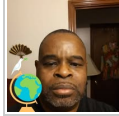
Amen Larry 🙏..REV. ROPER

Christopher Roper - July 17, 2020 at 11:04 AM

RR

MORNINGSIDE!!.. We are FAMILY

Rev. Christopher Roper - July 17, 2020 at 11:06 AM



May you rest in God's perfect peace until we meet again. Mark, Deanne and Misty may God comfort you all during this most difficult time.

Rev. Corinthus Richie and family

Corinthus Richie - July 19, 2020 at 10:02 PM

EB

“ *My condolences to the family. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you all during this sorrowful time.* 🙏😊



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - July 17, 2020 at 09:38 AM

JJ

“ *Jeraldine Sewell Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Mike" Burris*



Jeraldine Sewell Jenkins - July 17, 2020 at 07:12 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of James "Mike" Burris*



Star Johnson - July 17, 2020 at 04:23 AM

LR

“ *My Condolences to the family of Michael Burris,he's my cousin, I will miss you dearly,we had some good times at the island..*



Louise Randolph - July 16, 2020 at 07:26 PM

SY

“ *Mike you will be missed...we all grew up together and it just doesn't seem real when one of us leaves this earth. My prayers go out to the Burris family. Mark my prayers go out for you as his older brother...God Bless you and your family. (Stacy and Lynn Young)*

Stacy Young - July 16, 2020 at 01:54 PM

TR

“ *Mike you will be be truly missed a good friend in deed.we had alot of good time together .May god look over and comfort your family thru these tough times.*

Troy, Sharon Randolph& Family

Troy Randolph - July 16, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DM

May God strengthen your hearts at this time of the loss of your love one.

Deidra Mays - July 21, 2020 at 07:38 AM