



Mr. Michael Bernard

March 27, 1959 - November 9, 2023

Michael Bernard was born in Cumberland County, to Martha Jane McKoy neé McKinnon and the late Matthew Woods Bernard on March 27, 1959. He departed this life at his home on Thursday, November 9, 2023. From a young age, Michael was an avid sports enthusiast. He played football and ran track while attending school at Terry Sanford Senior High. As an adult, he took his love for sports and coached youth leagues during his time off. Michael was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys and Duke Blue Devils fan. When he was not watching sports, he was watching his favorite Western shows, Michael was a jack of all trades... from truck driving to contract working. He never shied away from hard work. He was very gifted with his hands and, though many didn't know, he could draw which is why painting came so naturally to him. Michael was a man's man. He was never going to let you see him sweat and could match wits with the best of them. He also knew how to make others laugh whether it was cracking a joke or telling us when we were kids that when he was a member of the Jackson 5, he just was late that day, so they started without him. Michael always had a way about him that could put a smile on your face. He was always a snazzy dresser who would cross his legs and would look down and not a stitch of socks would he be wearing. He had a swag about him that let others know he was THAT ONE! Michael met Erma Jean Graham in 1977 during their high school years and in 1985 they were married. To their union, God blessed them with two children: daughter SheNikka Cherié Martin neé Graham of Columbia, SC, and son, Michael

LaRon Graham of Fayetteville, NC Michael is survived by his grandchildren Josiyah Martin of Chicago, IL, Dyamond Martin of Columbia, SC, and Hianiah Simmons of Fayetteville, NC; sisters, Gloria B.s Locklear, Julia Bernard, and Nancy Bernard of Fayetteville, NC, Barbara (James) McAllister of Durham, NC, and Beverly Gordon, Winston-Salem, NC; brothers. Matthew Bernard of Fayetteville, NC, Jerry (Shelia) Bernard of Clarksville, TN, Ronald (Felecita) Bernard of Milton, FL, Edward McKoy of Winston-Salem, NC, and Vincent (Malecia) McKoy of Jacksonville, FL; a host of neices, nephews, relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Burial

NOV 18 (ET)

Rockfish Memorial Park
4017 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Michael Bernard*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - November 16, 2023 at 01:42 PM

SB

What a beautiful video. Brought tears to my eyes.

Sheila Bernard - November 17, 2023 at 06:13 PM

PS

Just now seeing this. Michael and I went to school together. So sorry we didn't keep in touch. God has blessed me to encounter some great people in my life. Michael was definitely one of them. May God bless the memory of this young man.

Pastor S. Alexander Shaw; AG jhs - FTS s - August 04, 2025 at 02:44 AM



“ *Willis O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Bernard*



Willis O'Neal - November 18, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Gone but never will forget the good times. We love u and u will be missed.* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Kataya Baldwin Randall - November 18, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Bernard.*



November 17, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Bernard.*



November 17, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Bernard.*



November 17, 2023 at 03:09 AM

LJ

“ I’m so sorry to hear about the loss of my good friend Mike, we go way back to Middle School days! I will always cherish the special moments that we shared, rest in peace my brother and my condolences to the family 🙏 Love, Larry Johnson and Family

larry Johnson - November 16, 2023 at 10:56 PM

JB

Thank you Larry

Julia Bernard - November 17, 2023 at 07:58 PM

JB

Thanks Larry, I knew how tight you guys.

Jerry Bernard - November 18, 2023 at 07:04 PM

UF

“ Uncle Cleo McKinnon & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Michael Bernard.



Uncle Cleo McKinnon & Family - November 16, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ Thank you for loving on me for the past 14 years. You always have a special place in my heart. We have many ups and downs and still made it through. I am so privileged to have had the chance to spend all last week with you. Rest in paradise until we meet again love Kataya

Kataya Baldwin Randall - November 16, 2023 at 04:38 PM

CH

“ Cherie's team at Atrium Health planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael Bernard.

Cherie's team at Atrium Health - November 15, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael Bernard.



November 15, 2023 at 01:36 PM

BG

“ Beverly Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Bernard



Beverly Gordon - November 14, 2023 at 07:50 PM

ZM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Zacoda Miles - November 14, 2023 at 11:41 AM

TA

“ Vincent & family so sorry for your loss. Sending many prayers and much love. Love your Jag family Teri & Steven XOX)X

Teri Austin - November 14, 2023 at 09:52 AM

AF

I know that I already posted, then I realized that Michael transitioned on my birthday which is Nov.9th. that kind of blew me away. So sorry for your loss. We attended middle school and high school together. Those were the days!

Alexander Shaw class of 78. FTS - August 04, 2025 at 03:00 AM

TA

“ Teri A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Michael Bernard.

Teri A. - November 14, 2023 at 09:49 AM