



Michael Randolph Francis Sr.

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Michael R Francis Sr. (A.K.A “RAT”) of Crownsville, Maryland was born on March 24th 1951 in Dayton Ohio as the biological son of Evelyn Harvey-King and Bill Moore. He became the adoptive son of Alfred and Bessy Francis and was raised in West Virginia. Michael departed from our physical lives on January 14th 2015.

Michael was a graduate of Gary District High, and in his younger years he worked in the Coal Mines. He also rarely missed a high school sporting event in Gary and the surrounding areas in Southern West Virginia. While in Dayton Ohio Michael was known to be the man who orchestrated many Cabaret’s throughout the city, and was always the life of the party no matter the location due to his unique personality, and whenever he entered a room his presence was immediately felt. Michael would not allow you to not have a good time, and many times the family reported making him leave so they could get some sleep to recover from the aches and pains from the constant laughter.

Since moving to Maryland, Michael was affectionately known as “Pop Francis” to all. His was also known and respected as the straight shooter who never left anything unsaid, or any story untold. Whether around the house or performing for the family in the Harvey yard, he could always be heard more times than not singing a song from the O’Jays, The Stylistics, and the Dramatics. Michael was known for his love for his grandchildren of which he cared for until becoming ill, in addition to all things sports. Michael frequently spoke of how fortunate he was to have a grandson play for his favorite NFL team (Miami Dolphins), and when he was not sporting one of his signature Kangol’s, he was wearing the hat of his favorite baseball team the New York Yankee’s.

Michael leaves behind to cherish his memories; His Mother Evelyn Harvey –King; 2 Brothers, Donald Harvey, & Darrell Carson; 1- Sister, Victoria Harvey; 3 children, Michael, Keith, & Angela Francis; (The mother of his 3 children, Shirley Francis; 8 grandchildren , A.J. Francis, Kameron Brown, Sean Martin, Montre’ Brown, Gabrielle Francis, Marqavian Brown, Julia Francis, & Nyzia



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Newman. As well as a host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, and other surrogate family members.



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Viewing

 **Saturday**, January 24, 2015

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**
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Wake

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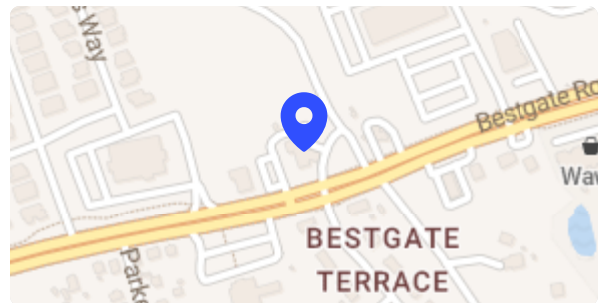


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JM

Jm posted:

Mike and family, your dad was more than a cousin to me. He was my big brother. He took me to concerts, drove me to school and made me laugh with that Moore sense of humor. He was a special man and I'm grateful that he can still make me smile. He loved and was so proud of you all. Mike, sr. and I share a birthday, this one coming up will be bittersweet. Keep going, you are surrounded by love. Jackie Moore (Uncle Jack's daughter) ❤️

January 27 at 2:29 AM

DM

Debra Moore lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Hey Mike Momma wanted to do her own thing, so here it goes " Mike I'm going to miss our calls, our laughs, and our family updates! Your Aunt Greta... to Evelyn lets keep in touch! To Michaels children/grandchildren, you will always be in my heart call anytime! Hey Mike, you know why you always got whoopins, you never did what your Momma told you too! Love you, From My Mother Greta A. Moore/Berry



January 23 at 10:58 AM

DC

Debra Moore-Cooper lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Cousin, the Craziest and the Funniest person ever who missed his calling, should have been a and Stand-up Comedian...Lo! As I do my Reflections of times in WV and Dayton with Uncle Jack and Aunt Ann.... I guess we were all Crazy! LOL! All ready Missed! On Behalf of the Aunt Greta and family R.I.H. Debra Moore



January 22 at 11:12 PM

VG

Venessa Gray posted:

Dear Family Members - Our hearts and minds are with you all during this most difficult time. We feel your sorrow and your pain. I speak for the Moore/Gray family in saying that Michael will always be remembered with joyous thoughts and sounds of laughter. Growing up with Michael in Gary, West Virginia was truly adventurous to say the least. Michael was always around to watch over his little cousins and keep us out of trouble. Our prayer is that you all will find comfort in knowing that Michael is now resting in the loving arms of God. We love you all, Venessa M. Gray Moore / Gray Family

January 22 at 6:52 AM



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Bernice Ryle Thomas posted:

My cousins, you must be able to take some consolation in the knowledge that your father is now at peace with God. I hope you will be able to find even greater solace in pleasant memories of your father as a fine and understanding man. As unfair as this premature passing of your father may seem to you, you must accept it as God's will. You know that your father loved you very deeply, wanted you to do well, wanted you to be challenged and productive in your life's work, and, most of all, wanted you to be happy. He would expect you to recover from this setback, redouble your efforts in life, achieve those goals you set for yourselves, and find the self-realization that comes from living productive, good, and wholesome lives. Shirley Ann, grandchildren and other family members- it goes without saying that you will have to take on a greater share of family responsibilities. I know that you will be up to these added tasks. I was so glad to read that Michael went and participated in the game the other night. Worrying about what or how others will think about you going, at this time is not important. We have to find strength to carry on and know that we are loved-even when our love ones leave us. He would want you to continue with the things that were there prior to his leaving. Remember that you guys loved Michael (Rat), but God loved him more. Lovingly, Bernice Ryle Thomas,

January 19 at 4:22 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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