



Michael Andrew Howard

September 3, 1959 - September 28, 2017

A gentle and kind-hearted soul, MICHAEL ANDREW HOWARD lived life always willing to lend a helping hand. He unabashedly lived his faith in God. He faithfully attended worship and Bible classes until his final breath. From Every Day Is A Day of Thanksgiving (EDAD) to Southwestern Christian College to the Richmond Soup Kitchen, there was hardly an event, activity, or need that went by without Michael's service and contribution to others. He cooked and served for repasts held for countless others. He also put his cooking talent to work preparing meals for seniors and engaging in benevolent works. Most notably, Michael was markedly patient and successfully steered clear of arguments and conflict, opting instead to exude generosity and put the happiness of others before his own needs. Even as his health failed him in his final days, he somehow mustered the strength to provide hospital transportation for someone other than himself.

His mother, Curtie Howard, would attest that Michael possessed a meek spirit all of his days. He was born to her and the late George, Sr. on September 3, 1959. His twin sister, Micheryl, joined him in this life that day. An older brother, George Jerome, who preceded him in death, and a younger sister, Kayle, rounded out the group of four Howard children. After graduating in 1977 from St. Elizabeth High School in Oakland, California, Michael completed college courses required for the certification to provide for himself and his family through a successful food service career. A civil servant with Veteran's Affairs, he worked at various convalescent homes, including San Marco Convalescent

Hospital in Walnut Creek, California. In 1991, Michael married the love of his life, Tonya, who preceded him in death after 23 years of marriage.

Michael's love for Tonya spilled over to his step-daughter, YaShica Bono. He enjoyed supporting and encouraging his son, (Earl) James Howard. He was an enthusiastic 49ers football fan, and recently, he enjoyed traveling and vacationing in the Philippines and Hong Kong.

The Lord called him home on September 28, 2017. Remaining to celebrate his life are his mother, Curtie Howard; sisters, Micheryl and Kayle; brother, Donald (Brenda) Thomas; son, James Howard; step-daughter, YaShica (Gioele) Bono; and many relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Hilltop Church of Christ
3301 Morningside Drive
El Sobrante, CA 94803

Service

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Interment

OCT 9. 1:00 PM (PT)

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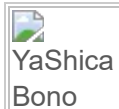
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YaShica Bono

“ YaShica Bono sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Andrew Howard



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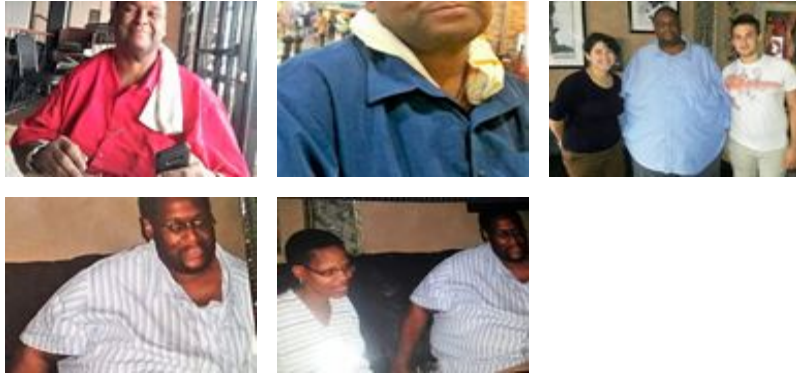
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“Thank You” Shica for sharing these precious memories! 🙏🙏🙏
Much Love, Uncle Thomas & Auntie Marlene (Fears) Smith 🙏🌹🙏

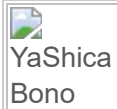
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