



## Milton Ross

June 13, 1963 - August 29, 2022

Milton Ross was born in Oakland California, on June 13th, 1963. He was the only child to Georgia Tree Ross. He was one of two sons born to Melvin Zachery. Milton completed High School at Oakland high in 1981. He went on to work at the Sheraton hotels as a doorman until 1984. Other previous employers include Bay Cable, PG&E, Hilltop Ford, Comcast, and Central Concrete. He also ventured into the entrepreneurial space by registering his own truck that would become Ross Trucking. Miltons final place of employment was at Lincoln Heritage as a final expense insurance agent. As a part of his community outreach he served as mentor for the Our Kids(OK) program (<https://okprogram.org/>). This program provides mentorship to young boys from the ages of 8 to 17. Milton had a great love for his Grandmother "Mamie" Crawford. She helped raise him when his parents died early on in his life. On October 5th, 1991 Milton Welcomed the birth of his daughter Bria Janay Ross. Milton had a great love for outdoors, animals, and sports; particularly F1 formula racing, baseball, and golf, but

especially basketball and roller skating. Milton was well known at the skating rink for "cutting through the middle" and often bullied his way into Bria's basketball and softball games as the "coach". Milton also enjoyed BBQing, problem solving, showing off his math skills, and telling corny dad jokes. He was the life of the party, always showing off and making people laugh. In 2012, Milton met his sweetheart and now wife, Aurelia, at the Oakland Farmers market. The two shared many adventures together over the past ten years and the adventures will continue, as Aurelia will be taking Milton's ashes back to South Africa with her to scatter them around the continent as he has always wanted. In 2019, Milton was diagnosed with a rare spinal tumor, which was partially removed through surgery, however after years of radiation and chemotherapy, the tumor continued to grow until it spread to his brain. Ultimately, Milton won his battle against cancer, because what was supposed to be the end of his story after just 12 months became a powerful testimony of the will to live for a total of four years. He is survived by his wife Aurelia Williams-Ross, daughter Bria Janay Ross, brother Kelvin Zachery and a host of family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Center of Hope Community Church  
8411 MacArthur Blvd  
Oakland, CA 94605

## Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

GA

“ I met Milton almost 14 years ago and reconnected 7 years ago. We caught up on our careers, life, and family. He talked about this wonderful lady he met at the farmers market by lake Merritt. Their travels, adventures and the love they shared.

Milton always had or made time for our intense conversations, even during his challenging days. He ALWAYS demonstrate courage and positivity, kept it real

When we had disagreements and admitted when he was wrong. He never was too proud to learn new things, nor did he ever shame me when I didn't know why the Warriors or Raiders were fouled. He taught me a lot about sports, we discussed politics, during Obama's and Frumps presidency, there was not a topic we avoided. There were many times we both were vulnerable due to life's ups and downs yet we continued to support each other through our talks.

Milton, you will forever have a place in my heart, I was honored to have you in my life as a good friend, I hold so many memories and conversations that I will forever cherish.

Rest Easy my friend, you and free to fly high!

Gloria

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**Gloria Alcala** - September 09, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.



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September 09, 2022 at 08:28 PM

 Yaffa  
Alter

“ So long for now friend. Milton may you Rest In Peace.

*I commend Milton to the almighty God, and entrust him to the Creator.*

*May he rest in the arms of the Lord who formed him from the dust of the earth.*

*May holy Mary, the angels and all the saints welcome Milton now that he has gone forth from this life.*

*May Christ who was crucified for him, bring Milton freedom and peace.*

*May Christ who died for him, admit Milton into his garden of paradise.*

*May Christ, the true Shepherd, embrace Milton as one of his flock.*

*May he forgive Milton of his sins, and set him among those he has chosen.*

*May Milton see the Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God, forever.*

*May the Lord bless his wife and entire family and keep them . May the Lord make His face shine upon his wife and entire family, and be gracious to them.*

*And, so it is!*

*Peace and blessings,  
Always with love ,  
Yaffa*

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Yaffa Alter - September 09, 2022 at 05:53 PM

LB

*Milton was one of the coolest brothers to come out of Oakland High. Always upbeat & outgoing. R.I.P. my brother. Thanks for the brotherly love.*

**Lionel Bea** - September 09, 2022 at 10:20 PM




TO

*I just got to say me and my cousin had a lot of good memories together, he was a wonderful person and I will miss him and our long phone conversations in his last days, he was a soldier that's for sure. No more pain cousin, rest in God's perfect peace I love you and wish I could be with the family today but unfortunately I can't due to Covid symptoms. But too all my family I love you all and you're definitely in my prayers.*

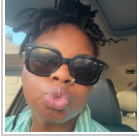
 

**Theresa Owens** - September 10, 2022 at 02:39 PM

TO

*My condolences and prayers to my Ross Family and Jacobs Family I love yall*   

**Theresa Owens** - September 10, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ I wouldn't normal share but I will unfortunately miss the service because I'm currently out of town.

*I have known Milton the majority of my life. I grew up next door to his grandmother. On a many of occasions I could catch him and my dad chatting right outside in our front yard. Even then Milton was one of my favorite people to talk to. Throughout time I grew closer to him and his family. He would always check in with me especially after my dad passed in 2005. Rather it was checking on me at my job or by a random phone call.*

*In 2019, after learning of his condition, I saw no other option but to what I could. I'd spent time with him talking, going grocery shopping, & "cleaning." Milton was incredibly clean and there was hardly ever anything to actually clean so it mostly me just doing the things he absolutely couldn't do (which honestly wasn't much.) He shared so many stories with me and I truly honored his vulnerability during this time. He would often brag and gloat about both Bria and Aurelia. Milton has shown me incredible kindness and provided me with genuine support. He was nose y (lol), unapologetically confident, and reliable. He would often give me great advice and I always felt that Milton wanted the best for me.*

*Thank Milton.*

*♥ Michal S.*

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**Michal Stafford** - September 09, 2022 at 03:53 PM



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September 09, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



September 09, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *We shared a lot of laughter, and handled business too! You are a special kind, God's wondrous creation. Rest easy Milt!*  
*Tamara G. Lewis*

**TAMARA G. LEWID** - September 09, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



September 09, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ *Felipe G. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Milton Ross.*



**Felipe G.** - September 08, 2022 at 08:25 PM

SB

“Milton’s strength, courage and love was so amazing! In his hardship he wanted others to be comfortable and happy! The love and devotion of He and Aurelia leaves an example to insulate! Love you Aurelia and Bria

Cousin Shawn

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**Shawn Bowden** - September 08, 2022 at 05:25 PM

AM

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Aaron M

17 hours ago

Milton, you were like a brother to me. I’ll never forget how we met, it was my 26th birthday at the old turf club in Albany and I’m “hi-siding” and kicking in my loud red convertible Porsche and nobody could tell me a thing! That is until this dude in his white TURBO Porsche tailgated me in the parking lot turning every time I turned left or right. You were that crazy dude and you rolled up and said , “hey, nice Porsche.” I was like, “likewise you nut..” and we were friends for life after that, running to LA, hanging out on Venice beach, catching many lovelies” there and here in the Town. :)

Now you’ve gone on to be with Christ and you don’t need a Porsche to fly anymore. 100!

Gonna miss you much my brother, but we’ll meet up again, that I’m sure of

Peace, ‘til then

-Aaron M

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**Aaron M** - September 07, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ *My sincerest Condolences to Milton’s wife, children, and family. He would always encourage me to stay working out and skating. He would say ‘you not going hard enough!’ He will be missed*

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**LaWana Stewart** - September 06, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



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September 06, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



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September 06, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Going to miss you big cousin ❤️ love all your Owens Cousins. Theresa,Bug,Vicki,Ingrid and Tammi. Rest in Peace 🙏❤️❤�*

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**Tammi Owens** - September 05, 2022 at 08:58 PM

AW

*My cousin was definitely ONE OF A KIND... My childhood SUPERHERO!!! Everything he did, I mimicked... He taught me how to play baseball first... He batted left, so I batted left... He dressed exceptionally well, and that resonated with ALL of us younger cousins... He was a ladies man... A gentleman. I too, emulated everything I witnessed, and placed it in my too smooth belt... He articulated exceptionally well... So do I. What I didn't learn from my Father, I learned from Milton... And though I was never able to perfect what was so organic for him, I still owe him a lot of gratitude... A Spirit of excellence!!! Never half-did anything in life... What a guy! What a cousin... Although my heart is heavy, I will continue to do and be my best, because you wouldn't EVER accept anything less of me... Can't wait to see you again cousin... Until then, tell Auntie and grandma and my mom and Jordan that we all send our love... REST EASY!!! I LOVE YOU... ANTAUN*

Antaun Williams - September 07, 2022 at 12:47 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



September 05, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *My mother-in-law, son and I were out for breakfast on Lakeshore and I noticed that Milton was having trouble eating his food. We were seated at the table next to him so I casually reached over to help him. Before Milton left he said thank you and I offered him my phone number and said if he needed help to feel free to call and with that he left. As we finished our meal and I asked for the bill, our server said Milton paid it. I broke down in tears, his kindness was unexpected and will never be forgotten.*

Nadia Niemantsverdriet - September 03, 2022 at 11:57 PM

AM

*Milton, you were like a brother to me. I'll never forget how we met, it was my 26th birthday at the old turf club in Albany and I'm "hi-siding" and kicking in my loud red convertible Porsche and nobody could tell me a thing! That is until this dude in his white TURBO Porsche tailgated me in the parking lot turning every time I turned left or right. You were that crazy dude and you rolled up and said , "hey, nice Porsche." I was like, "likewise you nut.." and we were friends for life after that, running to LA, hanging out on Venice beach, catching many lovelies" there and here in the Town. :)*

*Now you've gone on to be with Christ and you don't need a Porsche to fly anymore. 100!*

*Gonna miss you much my brother, but we'll meet up again, that I'm sure of*

*Peace, 'til then*

*-Aaron M*

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**Aaron M** - September 06, 2022 at 07:15 PM

CP

*Your loving spirit, genuine heart and sweet smile has always been appreciated and will never be forgotten. Rest well old friend 🦋  
Carmen Papillon*

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**Carmen P** - September 07, 2022 at 12:43 PM

LL

*I grew up just down the street from Milton. He would always take fruit from our plum tree and sometimes find me crying. He could always get me laughing. When you talked to him he made you feel like your opinion mattered. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Lynn*

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**Lynn Lawrence** - September 10, 2022 at 12:18 AM

NF

“ *Niemantsverdriet Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Milton Ross.*



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**Niemantsverdriet Family** - September 03, 2022 at 11:45 PM

DJ

“ *Dennis Jones purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Milton Ross.*



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**Dennis Jones** - September 03, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



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September 03, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



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September 03, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Milton was such an Amazing Man.A Bright Light in this dark world.From the time we met at the skating rink at age 11,I knew I'd made a true friend for Life.You will be sorely missed but I'm so grateful to God we had the opportunity to reconnect and talk this past year.Fly High My Friend.*

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**Cara Giles** - September 03, 2022 at 02:06 PM

WT

*Cousin, you are now completely “Safe in HIS Arms”. No better place to be. See you when HE calls me to HIMSELF and I get there too. Rest in Heaven 🙏*

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**Wanda Turner** - September 03, 2022 at 02:39 PM

WV

“ *My Deepest Condolences  
To The Wife, Children, Jane Gray (his Aunt), Family  
Members/Friends.  
Signed,  
Aunt Wilfred Elouise Valere  
Beaumont TX*

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**WElouise Valere** - September 03, 2022 at 01:46 PM

RS

“ I worked with Milton at Comcast but knew him prior to our Employment at Comcast, as he was a regular fixture at the Starbucks by the Lake.

*I recall him always having a positive attitude and I would reach out to him when I needed some big northerly advice. One thing he shared was to develop a relationship with the Lord.*

*The last time I saw him, his physical sport was different from the time I had saw him before but is attitude wasn't.*

*He will surely be missed.*

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**Roman Scoggins** - September 03, 2022 at 12:17 PM

RS

*Typos.... Brotherly advice and physical appearance.*

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**Roman Scoggins** - September 03, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.*



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September 03, 2022 at 10:02 AM

EM

“ I met Milton in the ‘80’s on MacArthur/73rd ave. He gave me a ride home to Ritchie street in his beautiful Porsche. He told me he didn’t want me at the bus stop by myself and took me straight home. Anytime he would see me walking home or at the bus stop, he always made sure I made it home safe. Thank you for keeping Ritchie St safe. You gave so much to our people. You were definitely loved by many. May your journey home be a peaceful one. God Bless your wife and family.  
Emma Hallsey

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Emma - September 03, 2022 at 04:25 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.



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September 03, 2022 at 02:50 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Milton Ross.



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September 03, 2022 at 01:02 AM

KJ

“ Met Milton walking pass my brother’s Tabari’s house on 74th Ave. in Oakland. He was about 13 or 14, and he fell in love with my and my brother Porsches. From that day he became our little brother. Not only was he love by us but my parents adopted him as well. He will be truly miss, rest well my brother I love you. ❤️❤️ Ken.

Ken Jones - September 02, 2022 at 10:11 PM

DW

First of all I’m absolutely blown away by his passing, I met Milton through a mutual friend who has also gone on to meet our maker. Milton and I use to frequent the club seen back in the day, whenever I saw him he would always greet me that million dollar smile. Milton was a great brother, he was taken from us much too soon, you will be missed my brother, I love you and I’m saddened that you’re gone. It was a blessing to be able to call you a friend. God bless you.

Dwight a friend from way. - September 03, 2022 at 12:48 AM

FF

You will be missed my friend. No one could bottom line it like you Milton. I am happy we were able to speak several times this past year. Prayers for your daughter, wife and family.

Felicia Ford - September 03, 2022 at 01:06 AM

MB

Sending prayers 🙏 to family, sorry for your loss.

Michael Jackson grew up with zack btow - September 03, 2022 at 01:13 AM

AB

MILTON WAS SOMEONE YOU COULD TRUST! GREAT PERSONALITY LOVE THEM PORSCHE'S PEACE POWER BLESSINGS CONDOLENCES

Adam Blueford - September 03, 2022 at 01:27 AM



*Milton. You will be missed.... I always look forward to see you every few months for tires on your well loved cars. You always come around with positive thoughts, attitude and most smiles even on your bad day. Your support for me will never be forgotten.*

*Rest In Peace brother.*

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**Scott Jen** - September 03, 2022 at 01:43 AM



*Thank You*

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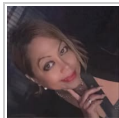
**Jane Graywalker** - September 03, 2022 at 02:04 AM



*RIP Milton, glad I got to meet you all the way in South Africa, you had an infectious smile and positive outlook on life even through your illness. GOD only takes the best. Rest easy.*

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**lumain Jegels-Lottering** - September 03, 2022 at 02:16 AM



*Milton, I will remember your unique personality. You were always kind to me & never had anything negative to say. You will definitely be remembered for your courage & strength. May you RIP my friend it warms my heart to know you had such a loving wife & beautiful daughter by your side through your transition.*

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**Davina Edwards** - September 03, 2022 at 02:53 AM

JJ

*Me and Milton go a long way back we were together with PG&E we hung out together I met Milton on MacArthur at Baskin Robinson ice cream and then on we became the best Friends we hung out together and did everything together he bought a Porsche I bought a Porsche he had an engine motorcycle brand new and he Had a wreck and it caught a fire so he left it there and I asked him can I have it he said yeah I took it home piece back together and I was riding the next day I'm a tell you a little story when they we was in Piedmont heels and we was doing something we are supposed to do but we lost \$10,000 I took a bag out of my trunk and threw it in his trunk and the bag tore it was so big and \$10,000 dropped out on the ground and we took off and when we got home we was counting and we were short 10,000 and I told him remember the bag tour Open we just laughed and said somebody came up, Milton are ways keep him a beautiful woman that's how I met mines through Milton, i'm going to miss my friend but he will always have a place in my heart and memories will never fade away goodbye my friend 🙏*

**Jay Jay** - September 03, 2022 at 03:55 AM

FG

*Milt we created so many memories together that will stay with me until we meet again. Its hard to image not being able to call you and laugh, talk about old school, have deep conversations about life etc.. You were a bright light that shined in my life for over 40 years and stood by me no matter what the situation was. You never judged me just stayed beside me with open arms. My lifetime brother this hurts but I know your in a better place now. God has you!! Your life was a Blessing and your memories will be treasured. You will always be loved beyond words and missed beyond measures. God Bless your beautiful wife Aurelia and family. Rest easy Milt until we meet again. I love you!!  
Felipe G.*

**Felipe Garner** - September 09, 2022 at 07:24 PM