



## Michael Barnard

March 28, 1977 - October 18, 2019

Michael “Big Mike” Barnard passed away on October 18th, 2019 in Lithonia, Georgia, at the age of 42.

Michael is survived by his parents Mr. Rupert Barnard & Mrs. Rhonis Barnard (Orlando, FL), wife: Mrs. Nika Barnard (Decatur, GA), step-son: Ryan Shields, sister: Rosalie Barnard (Colorado Springs, CO), niece: Najwa Barnard, and a host of relatives, friends, and colleagues.

Michael was born on March 28th, 1977, in U.S. Virgin Island to Rupert and Rhonis Barnard. He attended Chapel Hill Elementary School and later graduated from Cedar Grove High School in 1995. After graduation, Mike attended Middle Georgia State University to later attend Tennessee Technological University on a football scholarship; there, he majored in Human Ecology. Later in his college career, ‘Big Mike’ learned his passion for Broadcasting and later became a radio host and producer for the campus-college radio station The Nest: WTTU-88.5 FM. He also joined the Chi Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated while attending Tennessee Tech University. Michael also received a Certified Diploma in Broadcasting from Columbia School of Broadcasting.

Michael married Nika in 2014. The couple’s history dates over 20 years of friendship dating back to 1994, when the duo first met at South Dekalb Mall. This everlasting friendship would later lead to a life-long partnership. The two rekindled their love and relationship in 2007; since, then the two have spent over a decade in love and courtship.

Big Mike is a man of many trades from Radio Broadcasting to Youth Football coaching, Michael's professional portfolio includes: CEO/Owner of Hot Spots Production, 1Mic with Big Mike, V-103, WZGC 92.9 The Game, 97.1 Jamz, Kiss 104.1, Sport Radio 680, CBS Radio, and Cox Radio. Mike also had a passion for helping today's youth and the future leaders of tomorrow through his philanthropic works with the Lisa Left-Eye Lopez Foundation as a Board Member and Volunteer Coach with the 8-and-Under Tucker Football League, as well as Flag Football.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, October 25th, 2019, beginning at 6:00 P.M. at Community Achievement Center, Inc., with a reception to follow at the same location. Gregory B. Levett & Sons will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Michael's life. In lieu of flowers, cards, etc. please provide these items to Gregory B. Levett & Sons (4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034).

The family wishes to express their profound appreciation for the kindness and sympathy extended to them during their bereavement. The cards, comforting messages, flowers, kind thoughts and deeds have served and sustained us at this time. May each of you be blessed and surrounded with continuous peace, love, and prosperity. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, South DeKalb Chapel. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy. Decatur, GA 30034. 404-241-5656

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Community Achievement Center  
4522 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to Michael Barnard family,  
We know this can be a very difficult time for all  
of us,  
please accept our sympathy.  
May you always have good memory of your  
love one,  
May Almighty God be with you all.*



*from neighbors and friends*

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**Ree Anderson** - October 24, 2019 at 10:57 AM