



Michael James Gregory

April 1, 1947 - February 13, 2019

Michael James Gregory (71) of McDonough, Georgia passed Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Celebration of Life Services will be held 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at our Rockdale Chapel 1999 HWY 138 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. Interment: Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, Georgia. Viewing/Visitation Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM. Family will be present from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., (770)285-6673.

A memorial service will be held in Gary, IN this spring.

*****Obituary*****

Beloved husband, father, brother, and uncle Michael J. Gregory (71) left this life to live eternally with his Lord and Savior on February 13, 2019 near his home in McDonough, Georgia. A native of Gary, IN, Michael was a proud graduate of Roosevelt High School-Class of 1967 and served 32 years on the Gary Fire Department, retiring in 2008 as Chief Fire Investigator. He was a Vietnam War veteran and bravely defended his country as a member of the United States Air Force 377th Security Police at Tan Son Nhut AFB. Michael was preceded in death by his parents Arthur Sr. and Doddie Gregory, and brothers Arthur "June" Jr., Charles, Chester, and George Gregory. He leaves to cherish wonderful memories his devoted wife Rea (nee Ambrose) of McDonough, Georgia; brothers Caesar (Willa) of Apple Valley, CA and Willie "Russell" (Brenda) of Gary, IN; daughters Cherese (Gary, IN) and Colette (Chicago, IL); and son Michael A. Gregory (Gary, IN) as well as a host of

beloved family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Rockdale Chapel
1999 Hwy 138 SE
Conyers , GA 30013

Family Hour

FEB 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Rockdale Chapel
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Conyers , GA 30013

Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *REV. JEROME JONES lit a candle in memory of Michael James Gregory*



REV. JEROME JONES - February 22, 2019 at 10:16 PM

RJ

Turnkey i'm gone miss you man. You were like a biological brother. To be absent from the body and be present with the Lord. We had a great time on the GFD and the best is yet to come in the pearly gates. Rev. Jerome J.J.Jones.

REV. JEROME JONES - February 22, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 20, 2019 at 01:04 AM

FF

“ *From Carnell (Nephew-Brother) Gregory & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



From Carnell (Nephew-Brother) Gregory & Family - February 19, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 19, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 19, 2019 at 01:33 PM

CJ

“ My friend Mike Gregory. I met Mike and Rea at Seabreeze Jazz Festival. It was a beautiful April day. And then it started raining. Mike gave my wife a poncho and umbrella. An unselfish act of of kindness to complete strangers that I learned to be just Mike Gregory. I've never ever in my life met such a kind human being. So unselfish and thoughtful of others. Mike became the friend I needed and the father and mentor I never had. You never saw Mike and he wasn't clean and coordinated. Music in general and specifically Jazz was his first love. Mine too, so we became fast friends. One summer night in Birmingham we saw "War" perform into the late hours of the night. I will always remember mine by a singular sone. One of his very favorite. The lyrics are fitting and I'll remember and think of Mike Gregory when I hear this song. You should listen to it. It'll touch your very soul!

War - Baby it's cold outside.

I thank God for allowing me to meet Mike and I am proud to be his friend. Heaven has been made better, but a void in my heart and soul can never be filled.

Charles & Debra Williams

Madison, Ms

Charles M Williams, Jr - February 19, 2019 at 01:25 PM

CF

“ Claudean Nance and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael James Gregory.



Claudean Nance and Family - February 19, 2019 at 10:10 AM

LB

“ I remember the warm attention so often showed to his baby Cherese.
A smile and pleasant conversation was what Mr. Gregory always shared.

Lydia Bond - February 19, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.



February 18, 2019 at 03:03 PM

SJ

“ A true friend of mine who was loved and always will be remembered. Michael taught me my Fire Investigator skills on the Gary Fire Department and was the best Chief I had in The Fire Prevention Bureau. Michael was a superb dresser and I'm still wearing a sports jacket and two suits that he blessed me with. Rest in Celestial Peace my dear friend.

Stephen Johnson - February 18, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.



February 18, 2019 at 12:31 PM

DF

“ *Dr Stacey Nickleberry and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



Dr Stacey Nickleberry and Family - February 18, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 17, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 17, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 17, 2019 at 05:18 PM

5P

“ 50+ Card Players purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael James Gregory.



50+ Card Players - February 17, 2019 at 11:58 AM

WJ

“ This was my GFD father on the job took me up under his wing and taught everything about the job. You wil never be forgotten “Turnkey “
Wendell Harris

Wendell C. Harris, Jr. - February 17, 2019 at 09:32 AM

YD

“ He was a great an and fantastic “Bid Whiz” player. His smile was infectious and his personality golden . He will be truly missed!



Yvonne DePina - February 16, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.



February 16, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 16, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *Rea,
I hope that our Lord brings you and your family the much needed peace during this difficult time. Michael left you and the class many years of good memories. Remain strong... my condolences to you and your family.
Bernice Cistrunk-Howard*



Bernice Cistrunk-Howard - February 16, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Bertha Gregory-Dickerson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



Bertha Gregory-Dickerson - February 16, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 16, 2019 at 12:03 PM

MM

“ *Such a kind man. It was a pleasure knowing him for a brief time. He left a lasting impression. Strength to the family. God bless you all.*

Margaret Moore - February 16, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Gregory.*



February 16, 2019 at 11:19 AM

PM

“ *Never Forgotten*♥♥♥♥♥
Your Michigan Family...

Paula Murchison - February 16, 2019 at 11:14 AM

RR

“ *Rea you have our sincere condolences. We loved Mike and will forever cherish our friendship. May God comfort you during this difficult time*

Ronald & Donna Rice - February 15, 2019 at 09:58 PM

EB

“ *REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER . Erve*

Erve bates - February 15, 2019 at 08:03 PM

MB

“ Dear Rea,
Saddened for your loss and yet
glad for your beautiful life together with Michael. I pray that
endearing and loving memories will comfort you during this healing
process. May God bless you and family with strength and
newness...
With Love,
Mary Chambers-Brooks

Mary Brooks - February 15, 2019 at 06:21 PM

 Nat
Russ

“ May the blessings of the Lord be upon Rea and the rest of the
family. Our hearts are heavy... Deepest Sympathy. From Natalie
Russell, Catherine Russell, Andre Russell, Chynna Terrell and
Jimmy King.

Nat Russ - February 15, 2019 at 05:48 PM

BC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Bernita Calmese - February 15, 2019 at 05:41 PM

VW

“ Rest In Peace my friend.

V. Dale Wilcox - February 15, 2019 at 05:24 PM

GS

“ P.O. Box 4338
Gary, IN 46404
Roosevelt High School Class of 1967 Alumni
Association



*Resolution in Memory
To The Family of Mr. Michael J. Gregory*

("Mid sand dunes and purple-hued skies, a temple of knowledge there lies; Enhanced by nature and soft dove cries, Roosevelt, Dearly Loved. Forever may its portal ajar, stand beacon to men near and fair, To light their path as a guiding star, Roosevelt, Dearly Love.")

Rea & family,

The officers and members of the Roosevelt High School Class of 1967 pen these resolutions and desire to place on record, extending our deepest sympathy for your/our loss, hoping, that peace from praying friends/classmates comfort you, faith to uphold you and loving memories to help you smile again.

At this time of sorrow, may these truths sustain you, Mike will always be as close as a memory, and the God of all comfort will always be as close as a prayer. There are no goodbyes for us. Mike will always be in our hearts.

Be it further resolved, that words, however, kind, cannot mend your heartache; but those who care and share your loss wish you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends/classmates.

*Be it further resolved, that the blessed Lord come into your hearts more completely and may you rest your weary souls on Him.
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord". (Revelation 14:13).*

Be it resolved, that we commend the soul of Michael J. Gregory to the Mighty Panther Den eternal! And a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy be kept in our archives.

Humbly submitted this 21st day of February, 2019

*Willie T. Collins and Melvin Evans, Lolita Drake Parram, class secretary, members and classmates of:
Mrs. Rea Ann Ambrose Gregory & the late Mr. Michael J. Gregory*

Gloria A Staples - February 15, 2019 at 02:38 PM

DA

*Michael was such a Positive Man. His words carried impact , always uplifting with graciousness. We will all miss that part of him.
Delmas Arthur*

Delmas Arthur - February 18, 2019 at 02:59 AM

GS

“*Rea and Family, Although no words can really help to ease the loss we bear with you, just know that you are very close in our every thought and prayer. There are special people in our lives who never leave us...even after they are gone. That was Mike. I was numb when I got the news, not Mike, while we are mourning the loss of our friend, our buddy, dearly loved classmate, others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil and it is difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you, his children and other family members tomorrow. Gloria A. Flemon Staples and Robert J. Staples, Pulaski school and Gary Roosevelt Panther, class of 1967, Gary, Indiana. See you later Mike!*



Gloria A Flemon Staples - February 15, 2019 at 02:02 PM

JA

“*Rea Ann and Family of (Michael Gregory), Thinking of you at this sad time and sending my love and prayers. I share in the loss of your husband and family member who was a friend and classmate of mine as far back as Jr. High School at Pulaski School, Gary, In. We, (Michael, Rea Ann & Myself), also graduated high School together at “Dear Old Roosevelt” (Theodore H. Roosevelt H.S.), Gary, In. (Class of 1967). Michael also served along with myself on our RHS Class of ‘67 Alumni Association Committee for many years helping in the planning of our every 5/ Year Reunion Weekends for our classmates. He will be dearly missed. Rea Ann, I’m Wishing you peace to bring you comfort, Courage to face the days ahead and Loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Jacquelyn (Mc Dowell) White.*



Jacquelyn - February 15, 2019 at 01:52 PM

GS

“*1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Gloria A Staples - February 15, 2019 at 01:41 PM

CR

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you. May God grant comfort and strength. I've known Mike since he worked at the Fire Station on 19th Adams St. when I use to sell clothes and socks back in the late 70's in Gary Indiana. I remember he use to keep his car so clean and always shining that car. LOL He was a kind gentleman and never had nothing but positive words. He loved the Lord, his wife, his Family and his Gary friends. He was an inspiration to me for Gary Night events in Atlanta. He will be missed but not forgotten. God Blessed us with a true friend whose earthly work is done. Rest in peace Mr. Michael Gregory. 🙏*

Cathy Russell - February 15, 2019 at 01:12 PM

CR

“ *Cathy Russell lit a candle in memory of Michael James Gregory*



Cathy Russell - February 15, 2019 at 01:02 PM

SH

Amen...what a wonderful Life...let Mike's Life and Light shine bright!!!

Sherry Harris - February 15, 2019 at 08:52 PM

DO

Rea, you have my sincerest condolences. I will miss my buddy. You have wonderful memories of Mike which will last until you meet again.

Donna - February 16, 2019 at 02:32 PM