



## Michael Benjamin Mitchell-El

October 11, 1946 - February 22, 2016

Michael Benjamin Mitchell-El was born on October 11, 1946, in Long Branch, NJ; the fourth and youngest child of Ida Gresham Mitchell and Howard C. Mitchell.

Michael attended school in Newark, NJ. He played football and ran track for Central High School, where he broke numerous school records. After high school, Michael worked for the Newark Board of Education while he attended New Jersey Institute of Technology. After completion of his courses at NJIT, Michael worked for the Newark Housing Authority as a Stationary Engineer where he was employed for 35 years. Michael retired from the Housing Authority as the Head Stationary Engineer for the City of Newark.

He married the late Sharon Bell and from that union, had one son, Isaac.

Later, he met and married Jennifer Ballance, who had two daughters, Yolonda and Dawn. Michael and Jennifer adopted each other's children and formed a strong and supportive family unit and have been together for 35 years.

Michael was a very talented artist, loved music, travel and was an avid history buff. Above all, he was a strong believer in family. He always put his wife and children first and encouraged them to excel. His devotion to his children was a reflection of his own impoverished beginnings.

Michael, a most loved and devoted person, will be sorely missed by his wife, Jennifer; three children, Isaac Mitchell-El, Yolonda Wallace, and Dawn Mitchell-Aiken; son-in-law, Dewan Aiken; four grandsons, Brian Michael, Brandyn, Jordan and Jerard Wallace; four granddaughters, Endia, Azure, Zoe

and Zora Aiken; his sister, Ramona Sinclair; sister-in-law, Gwendolyn Mitchell; God-son, Dawud Crooms and a host of nieces and nephews. His mother, father, and older sister, Ida and brother Howard preceded him in death.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow may you find comfort in knowing your loved one is resting in God limitless memory*

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“ *Sincerely condolences to the Mitchell-El family. We did not get to know your loved one personally, but can sense he was a wonderful person/husband/father. May the family strengthen each other and may God be with you now and it the days ahead. John5:28, 29.*

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