

## Acknowledgement

The family of Michael Saunders is extremely grateful for all acts of kindness displayed during this difficult time. Whether you sent a card, flowers, offered comforting words, whispered a prayer or simply kept us in your thoughts, it has not gone unnoticed. Special thanks to all of the aunts, especially, Aunt Diane, Aunt Katrina, and cousin Teresa Cochran. A special thank you to Larissa Jones and The Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home.

## Pallbearers

Eugene Shepherd Jr. - Shawn Teague - Terry Fisher Jr -Mike Teague Jr.  
Fred Saunders - Jesse Bannerman - James Averett Jr. -Robert Dodson

## Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Meeks - Clarence Diggs - Anthony Saunders - Thomas Bannerman  
Thomas Lyle (Bop) - James Parson - Carl Johnson - JJ Teague - Charles Rookard

## Flowerbearers

Honorable Ladies of the Family

### *Broken Chain*

*We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;*

*for part of us went with you the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide;*

*and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,*

*but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.*

Ministry of Comfort Entrusted to: Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, The Chapels of Peace

## A Celebration of the Life of



## Michael Anthony Saunders

May 13, 1969 - July 11, 2022



### REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH

400 North 20th Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43203

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022**

Visitation: 10:00am Service: 11:00am





# The Lasting Legacy

Michael Anthony Saunders



Michael Anthony Saunders, age 53.  
Sunrise May 13, 1969 and  
Sunset July 11, 2022.

Michael was born to the late Syvillia Ann Saunders and Michael Teague on May 13, 1969 in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Linden McKinley High School and later received his Bachelor Degree in Business Management from Hocking College.

He always had a love for music. In 1992 he started and founded L-Hearted Records and started the group "LNO". Michael had an entrepreneurship mindset where he opened up several businesses under the corporation "One Umbrella". He also became co-owner and President of Next Step Recovery Center where he is affectionately known as "Boss Man".

Michael had a very big heart, loving spirit, and unconditional love for his family and friends, especially for his wife and kids.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Syvillia Ann Saunders; father, Michael Teague Sr.; maternal grandmother, Virginia Louise Smith (Big Ma); maternal grandfathers, Tom Saunders and Robert Smith; paternal grandmother, Christine Rocker; paternal grandfather, Wadell Teague; mother-in-law, June Garrett; uncles, Robert Saunders and Anthony Saunders; brother, Andrew Teague.



## Order of Service



### ORGAN PRELUDE

Music Ministry

### PARTING VIEW

Immediate Family

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament - Michael Graves

New Testament - Chad Mills

### PRAYER OF COMFORT

Clergy

### MUSICAL SELECTION

Andrell Cooks

### DANCE TRIBUTE

Tre and Tiera Fisher

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sandra Fay Peoples

### REMARKS

Family and Friends

### READING OF OBITUARY

Silently

### MUSICAL SELECTION

Le'Aundre Carroll

### THE EULOGY

Minister Meka Saunder-Tolliver

### BENEDICTION

Minister Meka Saunder-Tolliver

### RECESSIONAL

Clergy, Family & Friends





Michael leaves to cherish his wife, Diane Saunders and children, Squita Green, Jazmine Mica Norman, Ki'Mya Saunders; sister, Kimberly (Eugene) Shepherd; brothers, Michael Teague Jr., Shawn Teague, JJ Teague; aunts, Diane Saunders, Sharon Saunders, Wanda Saunders, Melva Saunders-Johnson, Katrina Saunders, TomRhonda(Chad) Mills; uncle, Robert Smith Jr., great-aunt, Constance (Elijah) Graves; great-uncle, Theodore Braithwaite; nieces, Carlissa Fells and Carlitta Fells; nephew, Eugene Shepherd III; 3 grandchildren; 2 brother-in-laws and 6 sister-in-laws; cousins, Meka Saunders-Tolliver, Jesse Bannerman, Terry Fisher Jr., James Averett Jr., Fred Saunders, Anthony Saunders, Carl Johnson; special friends, Willie Meeks, Charles Rookard, Clarence Diggs, Michael Barksdale, James Parson, Thomas Lyles, Anthony Jasper Stone; and a host of other family and friends that Michael loved dearly. Michael a.k.a "Black," "Back Doe," "Baldenie," "JJ," "Monkey," "Money Mike," "Unc," "Boss Man," will truly be missed by all.





## *A Prayer for My Daddy*



DEAR GOD, I GRATEFULLY THANK  
YOU FOR GIVING ME MY DADDY.  
YOU MUST REALLY LOVE ME,  
CAUSE YOU GAVE ME THE BEST  
YOU HAD. WATCH OVER HIM AND  
BLESS HIM LORD. AND KEEP HIM IN  
YOUR CARE. AND MAY HE FEEL MY  
LOVE FOR HIM IS MY HUMBLE  
PRAYER.



## *To My Husband in Heaven*



I WAS SUPPOSED TO SPEND THE  
REST OF MY LIFE WITH YOU AND  
THEN I REALIZED... YOU SPENT  
THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WITH ME. I  
SMILE BECAUSE I KNOW YOU  
LOVED ME TILL THE DAY YOU WENT  
AWAY AND KEEP LOVING ME.. TILL  
THE DAY WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN.  
MY HEART WILL NEVER BEAT THE  
SAME WITHOUT YOU.  
FROM: YOUR LOVE, DIANE!

