



## MICHAEL BARNES

January 13, 1961 - June 3, 2017

Michael Louis Barnes, 56, of Atlanta, GA, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Visitation will be Friday, June 9, 2017 from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary. Burial will be Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in Momence Cemetery. Funeral services were held at the Willie A. Watkins West End Chapel in Atlanta, GA on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Michael Louis Barnes was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 13, 1961, to Julius and Corean Barnes.

Michael was baptized in Jesus' name at the Born Again Apostolic Assembly by his sister, Minister Jewell Gaskin in 2005. He believed in the power of prayer and exercised it greatly during his lengthy illness.

Michael received his elementary education in Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Hales Franciscan High School, in Chicago. He attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Michael began his career in the banking industry working in several banks in the Chicagoland area. In 1988, Michael moved to Oakland, California where he began his career with the Federal Government, working for the Department of Defense, and later with the Department of Veteran Affairs, as a mortgage specialist until his retirement in 2016.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, and older sister Brenda Barnes.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two sisters: Jewell Gaskin of Kankakee, Illinois, and Venis (Isaac) Green of Columbia Heights, Minnesota; one nephew Norman T. Gaskin; three nieces: Julia Gaskin, Kamryn Green and Courtney Green; godson Joseph Williams of Illinois; special friends: Karen Baker, Mary Beckworth and Gloria Clay; and a host of friends and God given family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. Louis and I worked together for a short time many years ago. My prayers are with the family*  
*Byron*  
*York SC*

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**Rev Byron Scherer** - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We were truly saddened to hear about your loss. Michael had such a beautiful spirit. May he rest in peace. Praying strength and endurance for you all during this difficult time. Love you all!*

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**Tracy Lenton - Woodley** - June 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM