



MICHAEL EUELL

December 26, 1968 - March 4, 2016

Michael "Big Mike" Euell, 47, of Park Forest, IL, formerly of Kankakee, IL, died Friday, March 4, 2016 at St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights, IL. Visitation will be Friday, March 11, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until time of funeral services at 11:00 A.M. at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Charee Baker will officiate and Dr. Charles Baker will deliver the eulogy. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Michael "Big Mike" Euell was born December 26, 1968 in Kankakee, IL to Labron "LB" Boykin and Angelisa Nelson Boykin.

He was raised and educated in Kankakee and graduated from Kankakee High School in 1987, where he excelled in basketball and football and received various awards and honors. He then furthered his education at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL.

Mike was just like his dad, he was an individual of love and kindness and known as the "Gentle Giant." He had a big heart and was known for his smile, which could light up any room or spirit. He loved making his family and friends laugh and he has many friends. He enjoyed traveling, going to concerts, card games, gambling and being with family.

He was recently employed at BASF Chemical and CSL Behring. He was united in Holy Matrimony to the former Angie L. Johnson on June 13, 2015.

He leaves to treasure his life, his wife, Angie L. Euell of Park Forest, IL; two step-sons, Malcolm (Jasmina) and Julian Bridges, both of Louisville, KY, his mother, Angelisa Boykin of Kankakee, IL; his step-father, Hubert Euell of Kankakee, IL; two brothers, Mark (Veryl Boykin Sr. of Joliet, IL and Bryan Euell of Kankakee, IL; two sisters, Brenda Euell of Kankakee, IL and Marilyn (Petie Stewart) Boykin of Columbus, OH; his mother-in-law, Dr. Essie Baker and his father-in-law, Dr. Charles W. Baker of Flossmoor, IL and Walter Pritchard of Louisville, KY; brother-in-law, Dr. Charee (Kim) Baker of Flossmoor, IL; three nephews, Marquise Boykin of Columbus, OH, Mark Boykin Jr. of Joliet, IL and Maxwell Stewart of Columbus, OH; two nieces, Madison Boykin of Joliet, IL and Lavryn Newton of Flossmoor, IL; three aunts, Mattie McDowell of Phoenix, AZ, Mary Ann Gaddy and Rosemary Nelson, both of Kankakee, IL; one God-daughter, Kiya Mya Taborn of Bloomington, IL and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Labron Boykin; his uncle, Jobie Nelson III; his maternal grandparents, Jobie Jr. and Mary Nelson; his paternal grandparents, Lester and Maudie Boykin and a niece, Ciera Boykin.

Tribute Wall

TO

“ I went to elementary, junior high and graduated high school with Mike. His mother was a good friend of my grandmother's. Mike's first cousin and I were best friends. His sister Marilyn is best friends with my sister. There's so much history there. Mike was just kind. We'd talk in school or at his cousins house or wherever we'd see each other. He was always the same. Mike you are missed and will always be loved.

Toni - June 18, 2020 at 10:42 PM

AC

“ There are no words that can truly remove this pain. My prayer is that God will wrap his loving arms around the family. My heart and prayers are with you during this sad time. Mike was so kind and sweet to everyone who crossed his path.

Alicia Covington - March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

L&

“ My dear cousin Big Mike, it hurts our hearts that we won't have you in our presence any longer, you'll forever live on in our hearts. You will be truly missed my love. Love, Lisa, Kim, and Ki'Mya!

Lisa Taborn & Family - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ RIP Big Mike. You will be missed.

Ms.Cheryl Wilson and family - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Deepest condolences to the Entire family... RIH Mike...

Jason & Lisa Whalum - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Our Hearts and Prayers go out to the family.*

Arthur & Doretha Gray - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Mike was always nice and considerate to everyone. As a kid I looked up to him as a positive role model and hard worker. He was a good teammate and even better person.*

Matt Love - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We will remember your smile. Your respect and kindness will linger in our hearts. We are thankful to God for the joy you brought to our son, Craig. Missed but never forgotten. Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Butler*

Roscoe & Carolyn Butler - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *My prayers are with your family. Big Mike was so loved--a true testament to how he lived his life and touched others, even for those of us where the years have passed. May God show mercy and bring peace to each of you.*

Kara Burrell - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Our prayers go out to the family in this time. May God continue to comfort and bless this family.*

Cedric Johnson and Family - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ Rest in Heaven Mike. My sincere expression to the family. May God grant you peace during this time of sorrow. Ruth

Ruth - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Big Mike. Yes, he was a gentle giant and I will always remember him fondly and feel lucky that I had the pleasure of knowing him as a classmate for over 30 years.
Extending my heartfelt sympathy to the entire famil

Barry and Kathy Johnson - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ to the Boykin & Euell family Big MIKE was a great young man who was very respectful and had a great smile; so sorry to hear of mike passing

minnie brewer brewster& family - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Sending my condolences, "Big Mike" was a great person with a big heart! RIP Mike.... C/o "87

Kim (Maass)Masterson - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ My condolences go out to the family ,big mike,you will be truly missed. Rest in heaven big fella .

Mr.and mrs.perry Wright - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *My deepest condolences. RIP big Mike. Prayers to the family.*

Ann Holloway - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *My condolences to the Family, you're in my Prayers. I grew up with Big Mike, he was a true friend. Gonna miss that big smile of yours Rest my Friend, Love Ya !!*

Roderick Thomas - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Praying for the family miss you big Mike!!!!*

Renee Wills-Fulton - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *My prayers and condolences go out to all of the family of Mike Euell. May God continue to keep all of you in the hollow of his hand during this time of bereavement in your loss.*

God bless you all,

Danny

Elder Danny C. Brewster, Sr., M.Div - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *My condolences to Angie Euell, The Euell Family and the Baker Family. I will continue to Pray for strength during this difficult time. May God bless you and Keep you. Sister Lakeitha (Shell)..*

Lakeitha Day - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

ELAYNE COFFIE - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *To the Boykin and Euell family: My deepest condolences goes out to you all. You know I love you all very much! You are in my prayers. As I write this I can't keep from crying my eyes out because he was my brother... It hurts so bad.... Thank You Angi*

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Virgen - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ *My heart goes out and prayers go up for a good "Big Mike" and his family.*

Kim - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *My condolences to the Boykin/Euell family. I pray that God gives you peace during this time of bereavement.*

Patricia Jamison - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Marilyn my prayers are with you and the entire family. Michael will always be remembered for his love and smile that he shared with everyone he came in contact with.*

Ericka Roberts, Columbus,Oh - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM