

# *This Life Story*

On May 29, 1965 Michael Stephen was born in Boston Massachusetts to Martha Hector, of Boston, MA and Marshall Stephen Brown, Boston Mass. Michael was the oldest of four children, (Mark Hector, Derrick Hector, Charmaine Hartfield and 4 extended siblings (Bobby Hector Jr., Kimberly Cromwell, Darryl McL Lauren, Angelo DeJesus)

Due to health conditions that could not accommodate regular attendance requirements in a standard educational setting, Michael attended private school at the Lesley Dearborn School, Arlington, Mass. Mike loved learning.

He was a high academic achiever. Mike never gave up and refused to quit any challenges before him. He always had high goals for himself. Mike's weakness was in the areas of all physical contact sports and he longed to play them all (i.e. football, baseball, basketball). In 1981, Mike returned to Boston Public Schools and graduated from West Roxbury High School. Michael was a strong youth, thus became a "voice for injustice" during the Civil Rights Force Busing error in Boston. Inspired, he became the advocate spoke person for youth at ABCD Action for Youth Program and attended the Marcus Garvey Learning Center, Roxbury.

Mike was a born leader to his community, family and his peers. On July, 1988, he attempted to enrolled in Mass. College of Art and in his travel process was hit by a MBTA Train which resulted in his leg amputations. Over a long period of rehabilitation, Mike was up and running on prosthetic legs and continued to pursue his educational dreams for a independent lifestyle.

Mike in his spare time enjoyed music of all types; jazz, rock, R&B, gospel, writing, graphic arts, theater family and social community activities when possible. He had a love for all people of all ages and never displayed any bitterness due to his physical or medical limitations. He dwelled on his joys and not his discomforts.

In March 2013, Mike attended Family Day Service at Ebenezer Baptist Church and his life became devoted to serving the Lord under the leadership of Pastor, Carl B. Thompson. At a later date, Mike joined EBC Senior Program, (Aging with Grace) He accepted the position of Assistant Chaplin. In his spiritual training in Bible Study, Michael had his first experience in learning how to pray and enjoyed his journey with his senior program members weekly. Mike had a old soul. He had the best teachers in his spiritual journey. Many times after the program he would laugh and say "Mom do you see how beat-up" and torn, mother Willie Mae O'Neal's bible looks... I CAN'T WAIT FOR MINE TO GET LIKE THAT... SHE IS A WOMEN OF THE LORD AND I AM TRUTHFUL, HONORED TO BE IN HER PRESENCE" AND LEARN THE "WORD" AS GRANDMA USE TO DO.

His "Golden Girls" as he called the senior ladies was his prize, as well as Program Director James Harvey, "Best Buddy", David Walker and all his spiritual teachers in the program.

In early 2018 Michael's health began to fail him and on May 16, 2018, the Lord, Jesus call him home. In his passing, Michael leaves his mother, Martha (Marti) Hector, 5 brothers, 2 sister, 8 aunts, 5 uncles, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Michael proceeds in death his father, Marshall Stephen Brown, and step-father, Alex Hartfield Jr.

# *Order of Service*

ORGAN PRELUDE .....	(Desmond) Music Ministry
OPENING SENTENCE .....	Paster Carl B. Thompson
PROCESSIONAL	
INVOCATION .....	Deacon Pinky Clay
SCRIPTURE READING .....	Old Testament: Deacon Shirley Rhodes New Testament: Deacon Earl Jackson
SONG SELECTION .....	Deacon Sam Campbell "I Won't Complain"
PRAYER OF COMFORT .....	Rev. Smith
REFLECTIONS .....	Immediate Family Only Guest Reflection during repass
MIKE'S TESTIMONY READING .....	Deacon Wayne Clark "This Man's Testimony"
POEM READING .....	Lydia Clapp
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/OBITUARY .....	Velma DePont
MUSIC SOLO .....	Desmond/Tyisha
EULOGY .....	Rev. Carl B. Thompson
BENEDICTION	
RECESSION	

