



Mr. Miracle Thompson

March 29, 1947 - May 28, 2020

Miracle “Mike” Thompson was born March 29, 1947 on the Oakwood Bayou in Dumas, Arkansas. He was born from the union of Bennie Thompson, Jr. and Maple Lee Norman, who preceded him in death. Miracle was delivered by his great aunt Daisy Chandler who was the local mid-wife. Miracle was often asked “ Were you a Miracle baby?” He was quick to tell the story of how he got his name, “My mother wanted to name me Michael, but the mid-wife spelled it Miracle, it’s just that simple.” Michael was surprised to find out his legal name was Miracle after applying for his first driver’s license at the age 16. Most people refer to him as Michael or “Mike”.

The Thompson family relocated to Detroit, Michigan when Mike was a toddler. He is a proud product of the Detroit Public School System, attending Nichols Elementary, Barbour Middle, and Eastern High School class of 1965. He regularly attended their alumni picnics and enjoyed fellowship time with his classmates.

Mike was a hard working youngster with an enterprising spirit. He started a paper route at age 9, but even at this young age, he realized offering extra services like taking the trash to the curb and running errands to the grocery store would garner him appreciation in the form of hefty tips and bonuses, especially during the holiday seasons.

Mike worked at Chrysler for six years before starting a career at Detroit Edison, where he worked for 31 years before retiring in 2013. During his career at Edison, he attended the UAW Machine Repair Apprentice Program and earned his journeyman card in 1980. His skill level, coupled with perfect attendance and a high work ethic, made him the ideal candidate for his position as a Machine Maintenance Reliability Supervisor.

Mike's hobbies included reading black history books, listening to talk radio and jazz music, watching movies, and shopping. He was always impeccably dressed, and over the years developed an impressive wardrobe.

On August 15, 1998, Mike met Barbara Beaty at the Elks lounge in Highland Park, MI., when "a dance turned into romance". They dated for ten years before they married on January 21, 2008 (MLK day), in a small ceremony at Barbara's home on the Eastside of Detroit. Through that union, Mike gained a bonus daughter, Kristina Beaty whom he fondly nicknamed "baby girl". Mike and Barbara moved into his dream home in Brownstown, MI on August 15, 2008, where he resided for the remainder of his life.

Mike loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his brother-in-law's Dale and Garfield. He also looked forward to attending his Norman Burns Family Reunion. He felt so strongly about the importance of education, that he initiated and funded the first Norman Burns Scholarship Award, that is presented bi-annually at the family reunion. Its first award was granted in 1999. He was so proud to be recognized by his family who presented him with a plaque for his ongoing contributions to the scholarship. His plaque read "His Dream is no more, but Reality today". Mike and Barbara continued to be strong supporters of the fund throughout the years.

Miracle leaves to mourn, his wife Barbara Thompson, step-daughter Kristina Beaty, four sisters; Janet Merritt, Alva Randall, Phyllis Handy and Tonya

Marbly (William), brother Vernell Morgan, five brother-in-laws; James Beaty, Morris Beaty (Marilyn), Marvin Dale Beaty (Reanell), John Beaty (Lynn), Garfield Adams and sister-in-law Carrie Butler (William) three aunts; Alma Orphey (Paul), Apple Valley, California, Bernestine Pace, Mabelvale, Arkansas, Caldonia Smith, Chicago, Illinois, and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, life long friends and co-workers. Miracle had two brothers Cleophus and DeWight Thompson who preceded him in death. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

11851 Van Dyke Ave.
Detroit, MI 48234

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Miracle Thompson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Michael, though he is physically gone his memories are forever and may you find peace in the knowledge that he loved you all deeply. Treasure every memory of Michael and keep the faith. Bernice and I are sorry for your loss. Cousin James.*

James C. Norman - June 12, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ *Lifting the entire family in prayer during this difficult time.*
The Gissendanner Family

Juana Gissendanner - June 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



June 10, 2020 at 09:33 AM

MB

“ Mike had that big, wide grin and southern hospitality that always made my husband and me feel welcome. And he would graciously grill for WDHS the times we'd have our potluck dinner at their beautiful home. And did Mike know how to dress! Barbara, our hearts 💕 go out to you and your family. Know that your friends, old and new, are here for you and you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Marsha Brown - June 10, 2020 at 12:09 AM

TC

“ Mike was such a nice and considerate man. We enjoyed his and Barbara's presence at my 50th birthday celebration. Mike you will be deeply missed. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to Barbara, Kristina and the entire family. May God give you comfort and keep you safe in his loving arms.
Todd and Tamara Carter



Tamara Carter - June 09, 2020 at 09:50 PM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May the God of all comfort help you to endure this time of sorrow. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - June 09, 2020 at 04:17 AM

CB

“ *May the love of God and His constant mercy and compassion comfort you as you experience one of life's most difficult trials. God bless you.*

Longtime friend of his sister, Janet Merritt,

Clenora Byes

Clenora Byes - June 08, 2020 at 02:40 PM

YG

“ *I got a chance to meet Mike at a Dental Hygiene fundraiser at the Rattlesnake Club. He was very gracious and kind. He was very supportive of his wife, Barbara and the Wolverine Dental Hygiene Society. He will be missed. Our thoughts and Prayers go out for his entire family. Sincerely, Yvonne Gilead*

Yvonne Gilead - June 08, 2020 at 10:31 AM

DA

“ *DeAnna Alexander purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



DeAnna Alexander - June 07, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



June 06, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



June 06, 2020 at 07:16 AM



“ *George W. Norman, Jr. Family and Siblings purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



George W. Norman, Jr. Family and Siblings - June 05, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



June 05, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



June 03, 2020 at 08:27 PM

LT

“ *SENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY...*

LORI NORMAN TATUM - June 03, 2020 at 08:06 AM

TD

“ *Terry & Dorothy Clark, DTE purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Miracle Thompson.*



Terry & Dorothy Clark, DTE - June 02, 2020 at 05:44 PM

TC

“ *I worked with Miracle in the Maintenance Dept at Monroe PP since 1986 until I retired in 2004. We always had good communication, he taped some Blues music for me, Muddy Waters, BJ King & others we both enjoyed. We worked quite a few outages together, long hours, many weeks in a row. He was always a good worker and honest man, I feel blessed to have known the man, we are so very sad to hear Miracle has passed, our thoughts & prayers for Miracle & his family*

Terry & Dorothy Clark - June 02, 2020 at 05:31 PM