

*Celebration Of Life*

Michael Anthony Stokes, Sr.

Sunrise  
August 12, 1954

Sunset  
January 07, 2025

*Friday, January 24, 2025*

Watson's Funeral Home  
10913 Superior Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44106

# Obituary

Michael Anthony, Stokes Sr., was born in Louisville, Kentucky on August 12, 1954 to Louis Noble and Carol Stokes. Michael was preceded in death by his father, Louis Noble, and his mom Carol, Stokes, two grandsons, Innes Jr., (P-Nutt), TyShawn (Duce) and one niece LaCreisha

Michael was 12 years old when he came to Cleveland where he attended Addison Junior Middle School then Garfield Heights High School.

Michael as a young man met a beautiful young lady by the name of Elaine, but he called her Ms. Jeanette Michael Married Elaine on June 27, 1977.

Michael moved his family in Watergate Towers, where he got a job Being the head maintenance man of the building. He also worked on cars with his best friend Doc. Michael loved his job, he also had a best friend named Jerry whom helped him get the job at the Watergate.

Michael leaves to mourn his memory, his Wife; Elaine Stokes (Jeanette), three Sons; Innes Lee, Michael Stokes Jr., and Brandon Stokes, one Daughter; Tisha Mckenzie, three Brothers; Gerald, Ricky, and David, 10 Grandchildren, 7 Great Grandchildren, Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, and host of Cousins and Friends.

# FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the  
sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

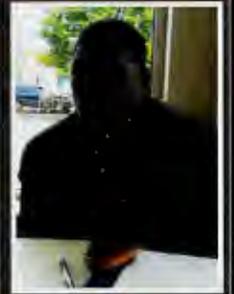
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most  
troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed  
You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child,  
I love you and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."







# "I'M FREE"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me

I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Michael Anthony Stokes, Sr. sincerely appreciates all the acts of kindness, prayers and words of comfort shown during our time of bereavement. May God bless each and every one of you and keep you in his care.



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