Life is precious.
Sometimes the longest life lived - 80's 90's even centurions can seem brief. Certainly when life ends much earlier, it is difficult to embrace its meaning and the takeaways.

Here's what I can and desire to share with you regarding the brevity and gift of life this day. Just two days ago my sister, Michael, was literally a perfect picture of HEALTH. Life took a turn and she suddenly transitioned - COMPLETELY unexpected.

From her death, I am speaking my truth, which is not so much mine, but that of The Lord that l serve and love, though ever so imperfectly.

Now is the time, and today is the day. Be present with those who you love. Fully present. Embrace them.

Embrace them. Speak life to them. Comfort them. Forgive them. Visit them. Serve them. See them. Hear them. BE fully present, and LOVE them. In times like this, it will be the best gift you have ever given them…and yourself. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever. With His Love and mine, Cathy (Written 10-9-2026)

Active Pallbearers

Edward Joiner, Paul Joiner, Dion Bradshaw
Ryan Scott, Brandon Crooks, Braylin Crooks, Minister Willie Lovejoy.

Honorary Pallbearers

Derrick Crooks, Keith Crooks, Maurice Showes

Acknowledgement

The family of Michael D. Baskett wishes to acknowledge how grateful we are to all of you for your acts of kindness, love and support during this sudden and difficult passage of our loved one.
The Family

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Michael Doreen Baskett

SUNRISE SUNSET
APRIL 7, 1949 - OCTOBER 9, 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

VISITATION: 10:00 AM
MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: 11:00 AM

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
1619 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45237

“To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1

A TIME TO BE BORN:
Michael Doreen Baskett was born on April 7, 1949 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the union of Corrinne Dula Baskett and Herman Baskett.

A TIME FOR EDUCATION:
Michael received her early education at Saint Francis deSales School and Woodward Senior High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She began her undergraduate journey at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee. She later returned to Cincinnati, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology minoring in Political Science and Public Affairs from Xavier University. She also earned a Master of Arts in Public Affairs from the University of Cincinnati.

A TIME TO SERVE GOD:
Michael received Christ at an early age and was a devoted member of many parishes in various cities where she resided. Upon her return to Cincinnati from Atlanta, Georgia, Michael attended Saint Francis deSales Catholic Church, where she served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, she was also the president of the Social Committee, as well as a member of various other committees and groups.

She rendered her gifts of ministerial service to her beloved Church of the Resurrection for the latter 12+ years of her life. There she served as an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and Lector.. Those who knew her well would speak of her love for bringing the Word of God to life through her infectious enthusiasm and lively expressions as an act of worship and adoration for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Additional capacities in which she shared her gifts and talents included serving with the Church of the Resurrection’s Fund Development Committee; Pastoral Council, MLK Keep the Dream Alive Committee and other workgroups.

A TIME TO SERVE MANKIND:
Michael was a community leader.

Michael was a proud and committed member of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated. She was initiated as a member of Gamma Omega Graduate Chapter in June, 1982 in St. Louis Missouri.

As Michael traveled to and lived in many other cities, she affiliated with and served as a committed member of several other chapters, including those in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Chicago, Illinois, and Atlanta, Georgia.

Michael united with Sigma Omega Chapter in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2012. During her years of service, Michael worked tirelessly in dedication to the community she loved. The joy experienced while serving in the Office of Ivy Leaf Reporter, was linked to her love for community engagement.

"The best thing about memories is making them."



Reflections from Xavier University Alumni Association

Michael Baskett received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Xavier University in 1974.

Michael was very involved with Xavier's alumni association. Recently, as of last year, she attended reunion weekend and also attended her 50th reunion several years ago.

Michael was also a member of the Women of Excellence committee which raised money for female student scholarships. Michael was very fond of her alma mater and she will be sorely missed.

Letter for Michael Baskett

Michael Baskett was so much more than a volunteer at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. For more than 10 years and over 800 hours of service, she shared her love of the Zoo with countless visitors, but it was the joy she brought to those conversations that made her truly special.

Michael was one of the Zoo's greatest advocates, always eager to share our story, celebrate our mission and make sure everyone who visited left with a positive impression and felt inspired. Her pride for the Zoo was unmistakable, and her ability to make people feel welcome was a gift. We are so grateful for the time, heart and joy Michael gave to the Zoo and to everyone fortunate enough to meet her.

Her presence will be deeply missed, but the warmth she shared and positive impact she made will remain part of the Zoo's story.

The Cincinnati Zoo



She demonstrated and promoted excellence in service "to all mankind" as a reflection of the sororities purpose. Other services associated with her beloved AKA included her work on the Letteria Dalton Foundation, fundraising activities, and other projects.

Her community work extended to various other boards and committees. Some of her roles included serving as an officer on the president's trustee board for Cincinnati State Technical and Community College for a number of years. She also served in various capacities for the Cincinnati Urban League Guild of Southwest Ohio.

As a career woman, Michael served in several leadership capacities including Federal Health Administrator for the government. In her early years, she was quite the activist and a champion of political figures she admired like her dear friend, the Honorable J. Kenneth Blackwell, Mayor Theodore "Ted" Berry and Mayor Marian Spencer.

A TIME TO LIVE, TO LAUGH, AND TO LOVE:
Michael was an avid lover of the arts. She was particularly fond of the symphony and the ballet. She LOVED tennis! She attended many tournaments and even had the pleasure of meeting the Williams sisters. A particular passion of hers was listening to great old skool R&B music, gospel and smooth jazz.. live or recorded. (She also loved to sing, but we won't talk about that!) Michael was also a movie buff and insisted on attending first-run movies as they came out.

Michael immensely enjoyed traveling and she did so extensively, both in the United States and abroad. Two of her favorite destinations were the Caribbean Isles and Greece… the scenery, the food, and the culture she experienced gave her countless fond memories.

One of her greatest joys was creating smiles and extending love by giving many personal gifts to those she loved… a beautiful bouquet of roses, dinner at the Metropolitan Club, a unique piece of art or jewelry, a special invitation to her annual Christmas party, or perhaps it was a homemade hummingbird cake or the famous, "Michael Baskett's apple pie" made with lots of love.

Other loves included dancing, shopping and caring for animals (hers and a million others). "Maggie" the German Shepherd, Callie," the Schitzu; the exotic birds, and countless furry friends with whom shared her love as a volunteer at the Cincinnati Zoo. Most recently, she became a mom of the neighborhood Farrell cats, raccoons, squirrels, and birds galore.

A TIME TO DIE:
On October 9, 2026, God called His faithful servant Home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman Baskett and Corrine Dula Baskett; as well as her cherished friend and companion, Richard Hutchins.

A TIME TO MOURN:
Michael D. Baskett leaves to cherish her memory her siblings, Renata Joiner, Cortne' Baskett and Cathy Boston; nieces, Lesley Crutchfield, Lonnie Chanel and Zaykia McNeal; nephews, Edward (Erin) Joiner, Jr. and Paul (Carmen) Joiner, and Dion Bradshaw. She will also be missed by a host of great- nieces, nephews, cousins and her special "sister-girl" friends, Mary Gladden, Mildred Kennedy, Elaine Stubblefield, Damita Jo Ramsey, Sandra Parks and Ingrid Burton. Michael will also be dearly missed by the countless people she touched with her beauty and grace throughout her journey.

Mass of Christian Burial – Ms. Michael Baskett

Rev. David Lemkuhl, Presider, Homilist
Rev. Deacon Royce Winters

Visitation

Prelude……*”Alpha and Omega”*

Ivy Beyond Wall……..Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

“I Shall Wear A Crown”

Opening Song……*”God Is”*

Welcome/Greeting

Opening Prayer

Remarks……..….Mrs. Mary Gladden, Beloved Soror
Mr. Maurice Showes, Beloved Friend
Ms. Cathy Boston, Beloved Sister

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 9…….Ms. Cathy Boston

Responsorial Psalm 23: 1 – 6

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1: 1 – 4……..….Ms. Tia Watson

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 1 – 10
Homily

Song……...*”Precious Memories”*

General Intercessions

OffertoryProcession…….…...“I Love The Lord”

Lord’s Prayer

Communion Procession…….….”Here, I Am Lord”

Méditation Song……..“Total Praise”

Final Commendation

Closing Prayer

Closing Song……..….”Order My Steps”

“You are not forgotten, loved one, nor will you ever be.”



“Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."