

Pallbearers

Kevin Richards | Jeffrey Tullos | Tim Clark
Wendell Parker | Tyrone Jonson | Brian Fields

Honorary Pallbearers

Marques Sewell II | Anthony Sewell II | Alfonzie Pipkins Jr.
Reginald Williams | Ray Maise | Tyrone Harris

Flower Bearers

Class Of 1978

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
3210 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.



Paradise Funeral Chapel

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Honoring the Life and Legacy of *Michael Wayne* **SEWELL, SR.**

Starting Lineup: May 1, 1959 - Final Score: September 11, 2025

Tuesday, September 23, 2025
11:00 a.m.

New Life Baptist Ministries
1401 Jane Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Pastor Craig Tatum, Officiating

Remembering “MIKEY D”

Michael Wayne Sewell Sr., affectionately known as “Mikey D,” a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, and friend. He peacefully gained his wings on September 11, 2025, at the age of 66.

Michael was born on May 1, 1959, in Alexandria, Louisiana, to the late Johnnie and Luella Sewell. He graduated from Buena Vista High School, where he met and later married the love of his life, Diane (Arnold) Sewell. Their union was blessed with four children.

Michael was a man of deep faith and a devoted member of New Life Ministries. He served faithfully in various capacities, including the Security Team and Men’s Choir. His love for his church and community was evident in all he did. He was a proud and dedicated family man, always supporting his children and He was a proud grandfather to 14 grandchildren who brought immense joy to his life.

Michael was a loyal fan of the Detroit Lions and enjoyed sharing that passion with those around him. He worked for over 30 years with General Motors, where he was known for his strong work ethic and commitment.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 44 years, Diane Sewell; his four sons, Michael (Lisa) Sewell Jr., Anthony (LaToya)Sewell Sr., Marques Sewell Sr., and Jeremy (Nicole) Sewell; a host of bonus sons; one honorary daughter, Starkisha Lenoir; siblings, Johnnie (Betty) Sewell, Martha (Ellis) Maise, Lula (Willie) Pritchett, Gloria Sewell, and Luella Johns; sisters-in-law, Cathy (Herman) Sims, Patricia (Henry) Speight, and Kimberly Arnold; grandchildren, Amaya Weaver, Marques Sewell Jr., Aubrey Sewell, Nevaeh Mayberry, Mia Schultz, Anthony II, Adrianna, MyLeigh, Braylon, Logan, Quinn, Layla, Caleb, and Lauren Sewell; a host of nieces and nephews; and a special childhood friend Tyrone Harris.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie and Luella Sewell; one sister, Norva Ferguson, and two brothers, Aaron Sewell, and Sam Garain Jr.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Eligh and Jacqueline Arnold; and other beloved family members. Michael's legacy of love, faith, and dedication will live on through all who knew and loved him.



Order of Service

- Prelude Musician
- Processional Family
- Scripture Reading Old & New Testament Minister
- Prayer Minister
- Selection New Life Male Chorus
- Acknowledgements & Obituary Church Clerk
- Poem Twyanna Sherman
- Expressions (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) Family & Friends
- Selection New Life Male Chorus
- Eulogy Pastor Craig Tatum

Committal | Benediction | Recessional

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

