

I Wanted to Grow with You

To Michael:

I Wanted to Grow Old with You

I wanted to grow old with, but fate had other plans.

I wanted to love you until death as we stood holding hands

We pledged to be together until our lives were through

I thought we'd spend the golden years ahead, just me and you

I know you'd be here if you could, you tried so hard to live

You struggled to rise everyday, gave all you had to give

If love alone could save you, you'd still be here with me

If love alone could bring you back, how lovely life would be

But no one lives forever, so I go on alone

I'm finding my "new normal" attempting to move on

The silence now is deafening the empty bed brings tears

I dream of you most every night: I hope I will for years

I look for signs that you're around, perhaps I've gone insane

But I miss you so desperately, I'll grasp at anything

Our memories are all I have; I guess they'll have to do

I'm thankful for the years we had, so grateful I found you

Sincerely Your Loving Wife,

Bernice



Dear Dad

No matter where you were on this earth, you had my back. You were there every step of the way—how can I ever get that back? You saw me take my first breath; I had to watch you take your last.

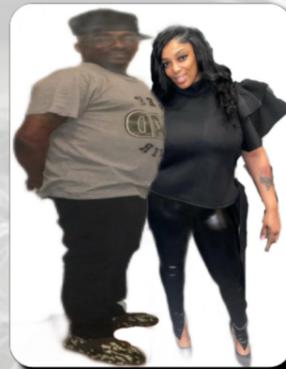
You always told me to look forward, never speak on the past. Daddy, even moving forward, how can I not look back on all the good times we shared—millions of laughs?

One last argument won't hurt. They say it gets better with time, Daddy, but I will forever hurt. I always wanted to see you happy, with no more pain. Now you're at peace, smiling ear to ear—saying, nigga you don't know me.

I know you're by my side like you've always been. Get some rest, Daddy, until we meet again.

Sincerely,

Shauntelle Michelle



Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Michael Lee Day

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Michael Lee Day

Sunrise: December 13, 1960 - Sunset: January 20, 2026

Obituary

Michael Lee Day (AKA: Fly Baby), was called home to be with the Lord on January 20th, 2026. He was born December 13th, 1960 to Betty Jean Day and Chester Lee Day in Cincinnati Ohio.

Michael was a great Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Uncle and a great friend to many. He was well known throughout the city and he enjoyed a good party. He is a proud Hughes High School graduate. Michael had a smile that would light up the room and an infectious laugh. He was an amateur boxer and he loved skating and shooting pool, doing yard work and he considered himself a great maintenance man. He thought he could fix almost anything. A Walnut Hills Legend!!!

Michael is preceded in death by his mother Betty Jean Day, Father Chester Lee Day, Brother Vernon Bernard Day.

Michael is survived by his wife Bernice Juanita (Swan) Day. Sisters Rita, and Andrea. Brothers Marcus , Donzell, Sean and Emanuel. Daughters: Brandy, Shawntelle, Lorain and Britaney. Sons: Adrian, Michael and Michael Jr. Host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends and extended family. Best Friends, Sony (Tesa), Marcus (Angel), Nate Tubbs, Nate (Man) Jackson, Gerald Bullock, Arvil Davenport, David James and Valerie (Lynn) Cumberland.

Cherished Memories



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
 I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I've savored much
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your hearts and share with me;
 God wanted me now, He set me free.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View Immediate Family
- Prayer Hank Stevenson
- Scripture Hank Stevenson
Psalm 34:18
- Selection Phyllis Jordan
"Walk Around Heaven All Day"
- Acknowledgements
- Remarks Family & Friends
(Please Limit Remarks to 2 Minutes)
- Obituary Read Silently
A time to reflect and thank God for the life of Michael Lee Day
- Selection Hank Stevenson & Marcus G
- Eulogy Hank Stevenson
- Benediction Hank Stevenson
- Recessional Clergy, Family, & Friends



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