

God's Garden

God looked around his garden, And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth, And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you, And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never, Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough, And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids, And whispered, 'Peace bethine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Daryl Howard ~ Michael Howard Jr ~ Shawn Thompson
Bryce Howard ~ Anthony Blackburn ~ Andre Addison
Javyn Thompson (Honorary) ~ Jayshawn Thompson (Honorary)

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this time of grief.
May God Bless and Keep You!!!



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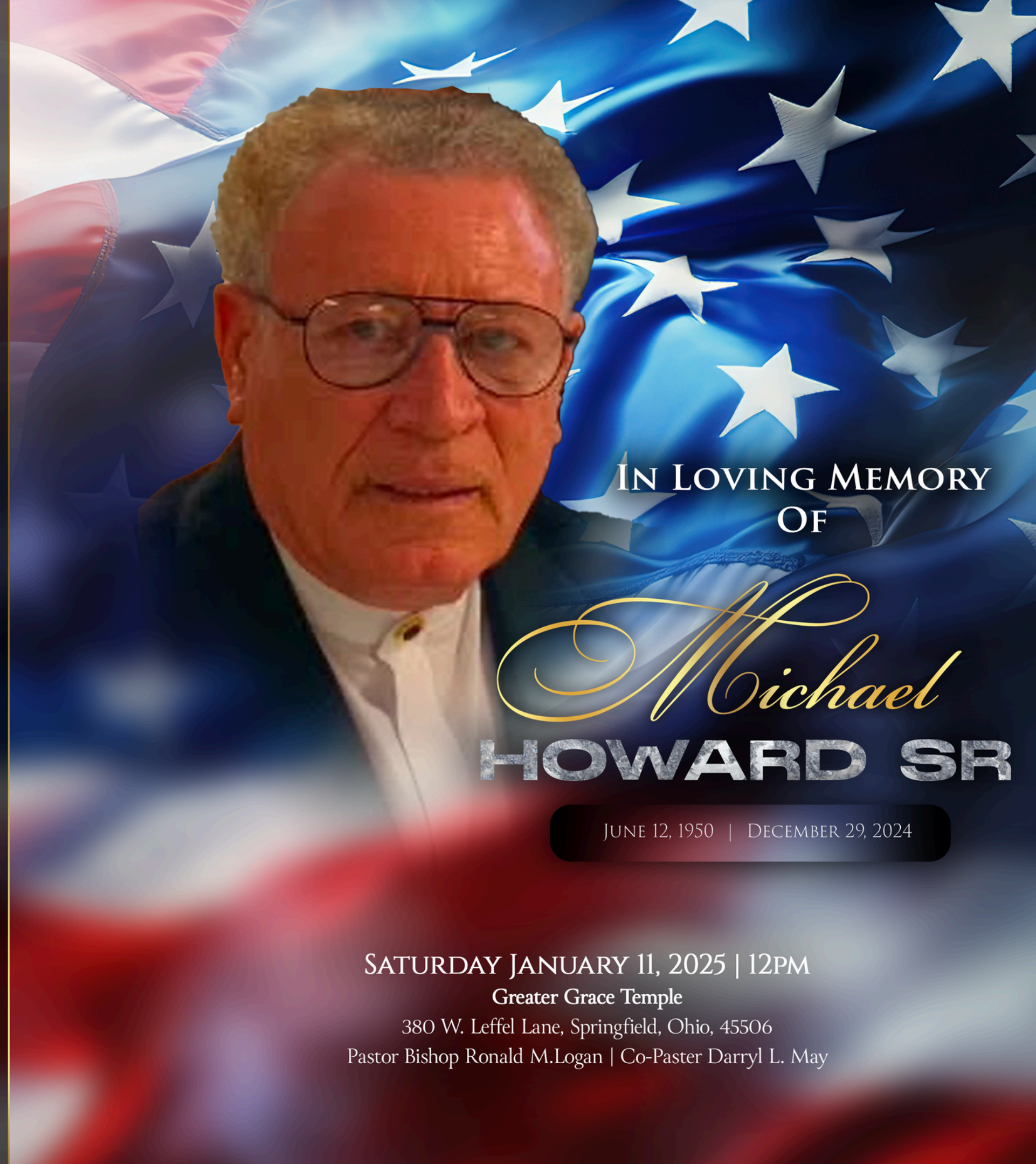
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IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

Michael
HOWARD SR

JUNE 12, 1950 | DECEMBER 29, 2024

SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2025 | 12PM

Greater Grace Temple

380 W. Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio, 45506

Pastor Bishop Ronald M. Logan | Co-Paster Darryl L. May

OBITUARY

Michael Howard Sr, age 74, of Springfield, OH, was born June 12, 1950, the son of Esther (Cooper) and Donald E. Howard Sr.

Michael attended South High School. He was one of the black students chosen, in a movement by Bishop Pratt, to get more young blacks a job at International Harvester. When he was laid off from his job there, he volunteered to go in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Later he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and was a supervisor in a construction business. He brought three of his brothers and son down and obtained them jobs. Being the oldest, he loved his brothers and sisters. After he returned to Springfield, Michael contributed his skills and passion to the manufacturing industry working for several companies, Rawack, Fuel Systems, and finally as a lead worker at American Pan from where he retired.

In his leisure time, Michael loved old war movies and knew them line by line. He loved football and coached for many years, his 3 sons included, and started on his grandsons. He had a passion for music. His favorite gospel song was "Something About the Name Jesus" by Rance Allen Group and his favorite R & B song was "People Make the World Go Round" by the Stylistics.

On Sunday, December 29, 2024, Michael went home to be with the Lord. He was preceded in death by both his parents, 6 brothers Kenny Ray, Philip, Donald Jr., Daryl, Steven Lee, and Wayne Anthony Howard, 3 sisters Tammy R. Furr, Kimberly Howard, Tina R. Storey, father and mother-in-law Nathan and Mary Harris Sr, brothers-in-law John, Nathan Jr. and Adriel Harris, special friends Mike Harris and Ernie Crawford.

Michael A. Howard Sr. leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and resilience that will be cherished by his wife of 50 years, Iris (Harris) Howard; daughters, Alisha (Marvin) of Cincinnati, Myra Howard, and Jasmine (Shawn) Thompson of Springfield; sons, Michael Howard Jr. of Arizona, Brian (Keysha) Howard of Texas, Daryl Howard of Springfield; brothers, Mark (Nancy), Arnold (AnnMarie) of Springfield, Brian (Michelle) Howard of Dayton; sisters, Roxanne Howard of Arizona and Mia (Steve) Davenport of Springfield; sisters-in-laws, Gloria Davis, Charmaine Howard and Julia Harris of Springfield, Rasiland (Harry) Satentein of Pennsylvania; brothers-in-law, Paul Storey, David and Donald Lynne of Michigan; special friend, Robert Wells; 21 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

As we gather to remember and celebrate his life, find solace in the stories, laughter, and love he bestowed upon us. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will forever live on in our hearts.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL
The Family

OPENING PRAYER
Bishop Ronald M. Logan

SELECTION
Minister Arlin Tolliver Sr.

SCRIPTURE
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND REFLECTIONS
(2 Minutes Please)

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Bishop Ronald M. Logan

FINAL RESTING PLACE:
Ferncliff Cemetery
Springfield, Ohio

*All are welcome to gather
with the family following services at*
Southwind Acres
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