



Michael T. Shaw

January 29, 1949 - February 7, 2021

Celebrating the Life of Mr. Michael Thomas Shaw “The Maestro”

God, in His infinite wisdom, chose Ernest and Annie Mae Moore Shaw, to be stewards over the life of Michael Thomas Shaw, born in Chicago, Illinois to this union, on January 29, 1949. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Annie Mae Shaw, and his brother, Ernest Shaw Jr.

As a young child, the Shaw home was one of great warmth and unconditional love. Michael was taught to love God and family, which he did throughout his lifetime.

Michael accepted Christ as his personal Savior in his early years and thus, began his work for the Lord. He exhibited an unusual talent for music that only grew and evolved as he became more involved in the church. Michael had a love for the Church and on October 27, 1963, he was called to unite with Fellowship M.B. Church under the Pastorate of the late Reverend Doctor Clay Evans. Michael was a very gifted musician. He along with other great musicians led the great Fellowship Combine Choirs to become a world renown gospel recording artist. In fact, Rev. Evans would often summon Michael to be creative, as he always enjoyed a highly skilled musician. Rev. Evans recognized Michael's faithfulness to God, the Church and to him, resulting in their spiritual father and son relationship.

Michael had a special gift for revitalizing and rejuvenating Church Choirs and their music departments. He had a heart for young musicians and if they permitted him, he would serve as their coach. Throughout his life he received various awards and accolades for his contributions in the music industry, including the Thomas A. Dorsey Lifetime Achievement Award.

Michael received his education through the Chicago Public School System, attending Yale Elementary School, and Parker High School, graduating in 1967.

On September 14, 1968, Michael was united in matrimony to Linda Bernadette Evans. This union was blessed to have two daughters, Shenay Patrice and Shelita Michelle, whom he loved dearly. Michael was also blessed with two additional daughters, Brittany and Caprice whom he loved as well.

On June 17, 1969, Michael was inducted into the United States Army, where he served his country and was honorably discharged on April 7, 1971.

Michael had many skills such as mentoring, organizing, leading, creating and problem solving. Michael served on many Civic Boards. His personality and commitment to the city, community and across the country, led him to appointments and positions in and for Harris Bank for 21 years and the Mayors Office of Special Events, assisting with the promoting of the Chicago Gospel Fest for 10 years.

In March, 1999, Michael married Margaret Walker. They enjoyed a wonderful life of travel and musical ventures, as they both had a love for God and the Church.

In May of 2000 they relocated to Las Vegas, NV. After visiting several Churches in Nevada, they decided to join the Victory M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Dr. Robert Fowler, Sr. and currently under the leadership of the interim Pastor, Rev. Charles Smith. Michael was offered the position of Minister of Music, which he served faithfully for 18 years.

Michael leaves to celebrate his legacy and rejoice in his memory: his devoted and loving wife, Margaret; daughters, Shenay McCrary and Shelita Shaw, both of Chicago, Illinois, Caprice Miles of Henderson, NV and Brittany

(Derron) Hunt of Atlanta GA; grandchildren, Shelby (Louie), Shenya, Destini, Aaliyah, Chase, and Carrington; one great-granddaughter, Marleigh; sister, Deborah Shaw (William) Black of Chicago, Illinois, brothers-in-law, Maurice Bird Sr. of Harvey, Illinois, and Marvin Bird of Chicago, Illinois; nephews, Jason Black and Maurice Bird Jr. both of Chicago, Illinois; niece, Jasmin (Christopher) Wardlaw and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Sincere condolences to the family. May you find peace in knowing he brought many people closer to our Lord. - Ms. Diane Griffin and Mrs. Lucy Griffin (posthumously) Fellowship Choir.

Diane Griffin - February 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ You Will Be missed, God bless you and your family

Charlotte Williams - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My most sincere condolences!

J. Gregory Griffin - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ To Mrs Margaret Shaw and family. May the love of God, surround you during this time of sorrow. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

sarah vann - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

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Celestine West,

Avondale, Arizona

Celestine West - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *You were a great friend, and it was you who introduced me to the membership of Fellowship Baptist Church in Chicago. My condolences and prayers to the family during this transitional period.*

A. Jeffrey LaValley - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *TO MARGARET AND FAMILY, THE TIME SHARED WITH MICHAEL WAS NICE AND FULL OF LAUGHTER AT VICTORY MBC. HE HAD A WAY OF PUTTING A SMILE ON YOUR FACE EVEN WHEN YOU DIDN'T WANT TO. ALL HE HAD TO SAY WAS "I LOVE YOU, AND THERE AIN'T NOTHIN YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT." THOSE WORDS WILL RESONATE WITH ME FOREVER. I PRAY THAT THE MEMORIES HE LEFT YOU WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR DAYS AND LIVE IN YOUR HEARTS FOREVER. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.*

Beverly Robinson - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FC

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Faye Coleman,

North Las Vegas, Nevada

Faye Coleman - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.*

Cassandra Bell - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person. You will definitely be missed. As Mike would say "I love Michael Shaw and there ain't nothing you can do about it". My prayers go out to the Family. May God rest his soul. In Jesus Name.*

Joi Harper - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ *To Sis. Margaret Shaw and family, My prayers are with you during this difficult time. I know God will bring you through. Know that Michael is in a better place! He will truly be missed!! Olivia Stephens*

Olivia Stephens - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Brother Michael T Shaw was an amazing minister of music I've ever seen since I been here in Las Vegas. His gift from God was one he accomplished very well. I saw in him the love for the Gift he was given, not only that but the love for people. When he retired as minister of music I was sad, I'm even saddened now that he's gone. Brother Shaw take your rest, you will and always will be missed.*

Raymonda Rizer - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *To Mrs. Margaret Shaw and family, My prayers are with you. I know that God will give you the strength to go through this difficult time. Michael was very special to me and he will be missed.*

Anne Barnes - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MW

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Michelle Washington,

N. Las Vegas, Nevada

Michelle Washington - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To Sis. Margaret & Family, Bro. Shaw was a wonderful man and very unique in his style. I will always remember his kind words and his funny sense of humor. Sis. Margaret, may the peace of God comfort you during this time, and whenever you feel sad, just remember your hearts are connected. He will be missed, and all I can say is, "we love you, Mike, and there is nothing you can do about it." Rosalyn Collins & son Curtis

Rosalyn Collins - February 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ To Mrs. Margaret Shaw and family: I send my prayers and thoughts. Michael was very special to me. I remember when he first came to Victory and I helped him get settled in his office. I would try to organize his music and it didn't always work. Even though I haven't seen him in a while, I will truly miss him. May God give you comfort during this time. Berta Norwood

Berts Norwood - February 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM