



## Michael Denear Garrett

November 7, 1963 - September 24, 2023

On November 7, 1963 in Talladega, Alabama, Charlie Frank Garrett and Lena Maezonias Player Garrett Smith welcomed to the world a baby boy who was given the name Michael Denear Garrett. He was the youngest of his siblings and brought immense joy and laughter to his family throughout his life.

Michael was educated in the Talladega City School System where he attended Talladega High School. Upon completing his education, Michael joined the workforce in the construction industry. An avid Auburn football fan, Michael's enthusiasm for the game created many lively conversations and memorable experiences with friends and loved ones. Whether passionately cheering for his favorite team or working construction, Michael's dedication and commitment were always evident. He took great pride in his work, particularly in the field of construction, where his skills and expertise were employed to build and shape the community he called home.

Michael, affectionately known as "Lil Mike" to family and friends brought laughter to everyone he encountered with his sarcastic ways. He was always full of life and never complained about anything. He was definitely a loving pawpaw to his five beautiful granddaughters and three grandsons. Michael could use nearly any tool you put in his hands, which made him a great handyman, but in his leisure time, Mr. Garrett enjoyed a good laugh with friends, watching westerns, and catching a rerun of Matlock and Gunsmoke.

He was also the best neighborhood watchman a community could ask for.

As Michael traveled this 59-year earthly journey, he met his soulmate, the former Ms. Maria Simmons, and together they became one when they were united in Holy Matrimony sharing over 31 blessed years together, six loving children, and eight beautiful grandchildren. His unwavering love and dedication to his family, especially his adorable wife Maria, served as the foundation for a lifetime of precious memories and cherished moments. As a father, Michael held a special bond with his children, offering guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support in all their endeavors. As we gather to commemorate Michael's life, let us remember the many valuable lessons he imparted and the laughter he shared. Although Michael's physical presence may be gone, his spirit will forever live on in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Michael found solace and joy in the simplicity of life's pleasures. Gardening and yard work were among his favorite pastimes, as he took pride in nurturing and beautifying his surroundings.

Michael transitioned from this life to a peaceful rest on the evening of September 24, 2023 while under the care of UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Frank Garrett and Lena Maezonias Garrett Smith, grandmother, Luevator Player Estelle, brothers, Karey Garrett, Terry Garrett, and Charlie Frank Garrett III, sisters, Barbara Glover, Nellie Faye Player, and Sherry Scott, uncles, Nathaniel Player, Sr. and James Estelle; and aunt, Evelyn Patterson.

Michael will be deeply missed by his loving and devoted wife, Maria Garrett; daughter, Deneshia Simmons of Talladega, Alabama; five sons, Nakia (Kyrel) Simmons of Eastaboga, Alabama, Octavious Ragland, Nicholas (Loukisha) Simmons, DeMicah (Mykia) Simmons, and Damian (Brantavia) Simmons, all of Talladega, Alabama; eight grandchildren, Isabella Simmons, D'Myriah

Simmons, Honesty Simmons, Payton Simmons, Damian Simmons, Jr., Cadence Ragland, Aahmod Ragland, and Grayson Ragland, all of Talladega, Alabama; three brothers, Billy Joe (Rachel) Player and Arthur Ray (Tonya) Garrett of Talladega, Alabama, and Stanley Garrett of Opelika, Alabama; four sisters, Robin (Robert) Scott of Talladega, Alabama, Ruth Tyson of Mauldlin, South Carolina, Valerie Thompson and Gwendolyn Hill of Detroit, Michigan; aunt, Judy Estelle of Talladega, Alabama; uncle, John Ernest Player of Talladega, Alabama; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends.

As we mourn the loss of Michael, may we find joy in the memories we shared and keep his spirit alive through the love and kindness we show one another. He will forever hold a special place in our hearts, and his legacy will live on through the lives he touched.

Forever remembered and loved, may Michael Garrett soul find eternal peace.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

599 West Street South  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

## Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ You left us to soon uncle Mike I'm going to miss you RIH  
Luv Britney💕💕

Britney Caldwell - September 30, 2023 at 03:13 PM

DD

“ Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Deneare Garrett



Deborah Dickerson - September 29, 2023 at 09:30 PM

PB

“ My deepest condolences to the Garrett family,  
may God comfort and strengthen you all during  
this difficult.... Michael will forever love on  
though his many loved ones and friends.. Rest  
well my friend until we meet again.



Pamela Bradford - September 29, 2023 at 03:56 PM

SS

Praying For The Family.

Sylvia Smoot - September 30, 2023 at 09:47 AM

MF

“ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted - Matthew  
5:4

Mr. & Mrs. George F. Rivers and Family - September 29, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Deneare Garrett.*



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September 29, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Michael Deneare Garrett*



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**Tina Dickerson** - September 29, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Rest in Heaven Lil Mike. Keeping the Garrett Family in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Yolanda Erica Dj and Fred** - September 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *Gwendolyn Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Deneare Garrett*



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**Gwendolyn Wilson** - September 27, 2023 at 09:14 PM

SW

“ Sharon Welch lit a candle in memory of Michael Denear Garrett



Sharon Welch - September 27, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael D. Garrett.

September 27, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Denear Garrett.



September 27, 2023 at 10:22 AM

SF

“ Sharon Fluker lit a candle in memory of Michael Denear Garrett



Sharon Fluker - September 26, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Michael Denear Garrett*



**Gwennette Duncan** - September 26, 2023 at 05:56 PM

CF

“ *Calhoun Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Denear Garrett*



**Calhoun Family** - September 26, 2023 at 05:06 PM

KB

“ *Kathleen Barclay lit a candle in memory of Michael Denear Garrett*



**Kathleen Barclay** - September 26, 2023 at 04:51 PM

PB

“ *My deepest condolences, so sorry for your loss.*



**Pamela Bradford** - September 25, 2023 at 05:49 PM