



Mr. Michael Anthony Pitts

September 25, 1960 - November 4, 2021

Michael Anthony Pitts was born in Pell City, Alabama to Janie Hamilton Pitts and William Mallory, who preceded him in death.

As a child, he attended Vincent Elementary School and later moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he was raised by his mother, Janie, and father, Richard Pitts. He attended Rock Glen Junior High School where he played Little League Baseball. He graduated from Baltimore Poly Technical Institute High School where he played lacrosse, junior and varsity football.

He played college football for the University of Alabama under legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant where he was a 4-year letterman for the "Crimson Tide," and a member of the 1979 National Championship Team. Michael was recognized as an All-American and a selection to the All- Southeastern Conference.

He was selected in the first round of the 1983 NFL Draft and played 12 seasons as a defensive end and tackle for teams that included the Atlanta Falcons, Philadelphia Eagles, and New England Patriots football teams.

After he retired from the NFL, he was a recruiting coordinator and coached defensive line for Morehouse College under two head coaches, Doug Williams and Anthony Jones.

Michael was an assistant defensive line coach and quality control coach for the NFL Cleveland Browns Football Club under Coach Chris Palmer. Later, he became defensive line coach, Men and Women's Track and Field teams coach, and subsequently interim head coach at Morris Brown College.

He enjoyed serving as a volunteer defensive line high school football coach where his two children, Michael, Jr. and Phia, attended Alpharetta High School, and was certified by the Georgia High School Association.

He assisted his wife, Gena, with helping her to develop the Professional Sports Wives Association, publish professional Sports Lives Magazine, a trade publication for the leagues and team, and co-host their radio show, and most recently help start Domestic Wellness League, a non-profit to help youth and peers with mental health.

While in between coaching jobs, he worked at Mud Pie, a gift wear company, as a fork-lift operator.

Michael was dedicated, loyal, highly motivated with unparalleled work ethics. He was a family man with good morals and character and will be missed dearly.

He loved to fish, travel to visit family, watch TV including sports with former coaches and cousins. He was an avid Atlanta Braves fan like his grandfather, James Hamilton. Michael enjoyed listening to music, grilling, cooking, doing handy man jobs, and attending high school games to watch his nephews and cousins play football and basketball.

He leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Eugenie (Gena); son, Michael, Jr.; daughter, Phia Noelle; father, Richard Pitts; sisters, Rena Pitts, Joycelyn (Charlie) Evans, and Yvette (James) Nelson; sister-in-law, Jacqueline (Jackie)

James; brothers, Darryl (Sundra) Mallory, Reginald Mallory, and Larry Hamilton; aunts, Bernice Threatt and Wilma Hamilton; uncles, Charles (Eloice) Hamilton and Paul Hamilton; nieces and nephews, Yasmin (Yummy), Deirra, Donnell, Tekoya, Jasma, Shawn, Maryon, Marteshia, Markeese, and LaShari; a host of great-nieces and nephews; cousins; former college and NFL teammates; former coaches; co-workers; and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bakers Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

County Road 85
Vincent, AL 35178

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Liberty Christian Church
100 Ranch Road
Harpersville, AL 35078

Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you as you celebrate Mike’s life. He was a tremendous individual and will be missed. A well balanced person with a big heart. I enjoyed working with him in the NFL. Haven has received a beautiful soul.

Best wishes from the Romeo Crennel family

Romeo Crennel - November 20, 2021 at 12:07 AM

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“ Our condolences to the (Pitts, Hamilton and Evans) family. Praying for your strength during this time. Michael’s legacy will always be remembered!
The Little Family



Elaine Little - November 19, 2021 at 07:35 PM

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to Michael's wife and children, Rena, Richard and the entire family. May God Send you Comfort during this most trying time.



Marian and Chello Pitts - November 18, 2021 at 07:59 PM