

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of William Michael Barnett Jr. wishes to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all the family and friends for the many thoughts, prayers, words of kindness expressions of sympathy, cards and phone calls during our time of bereavement. No act has gone unnoticed.

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be;

So He put his arms around you
and whispered,

“Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
and saw you fade away.

Although we LOVED YOU DEARLY
we could not make you stay.

A GOLDEN HEART stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best!

To offer condolences to The Barnett Family,
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Homegoing Celebration for



William Michael Barnett Jr.
Mekiel

February 13, 1966 - April 18, 2023

The Chapel of Peace East

Friday, May 12, 2023

Visitation: 1:00pm Service: 2:00pm

Obituary

William Michael Barnett Jr., age 57, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2023. Michael was born on February 13, 1966, to William Michael Barnett and Marie Antionette Barnett in Orrville, Ohio.

Michael spent his childhood and young adult life in Israel, where he found his love for biblical history and the Hebrew language and received his Hebrew name, Mekiel. From a young child, he loved to speak publicly and entertain crowds. His mother has a fond memory of him reciting extensive speeches during Easter and Christmas services as a young child. He had a gift when it came to communicating with people from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Mekiel was very energetic and had a love for animals, people, and adventure. His adventurous spirit and love of history fueled his passion for travel and exploration. Mekiel has traveled across the US and to many other countries, such as Kazakhstan, Cyprus, Greece, Ukraine, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Israel, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.

Mekiel had a special love for poetry and singing. During his time in Kazakhstan, he leaned into his love of entertaining others and began his singing career. He traveled all around the country performing for parties and weddings. His unique story caught the attention of a writer who decided to publish an article detailing Mekiel in a local magazine.

Mekiel is survived by his daughter, Rebekah Barnett; mother, Marie Barnett; sister, Riva Barnett; brother, Christopher Barnett; nieces, Edwina and Briesez Barnett; nephews, Sean and Edric Yeboah and his uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Mekiel is preceded in death by his father; William Michael Barnett, Doris Ann Coffie (maternal grandmother), Carnice Crawley (maternal grandfather) Mildred Barnett (paternal grandmother), John William Barnett (paternal grandfather), Orlando Tyron Barnett (uncle), Gregory Barnett (uncle), John Douglas Barnett (uncle), Denise Renee Barnett (aunt).

Mekiel lived life on his own terms and created relationships with many people that he touched along the way of this journey called life. He had an infectious smile that could light up a room and loved to make people laugh. He always tried to live by a motto his father gave him: "Be the best that you can be in whatever you do in life." He will be remembered fondly by many loved ones and friends.

"Seeing death as the end of life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean"

Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDE.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
- PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family
- SCRIPTURE READING.....Clergy
 - Old Testament..... Ezekiel 37:12-14
 - New Testament..... Thessalonians 4:13-18
- PRAYER.....Clergy
- SELECTION.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Chapel of Peace Staff
- REMARKSFamily and Friends
- READING OF OBITUARY..... Read Silently
- SELECTION.....Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

The Eulogy

Bishop Thomas Webb

- BENEDICTION..... Bishop Thomas Webb
- RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family and Friends

Grow
in Christ