



Mr. Mikel Mashood Azeem

March 23, 1944 - November 5, 2022

Mikel "Mike" Azeem [ne. Michael Herbert Carruthers], age 78, of Hampton, Virginia passed away at Riverside Regional Medical Center on Saturday, November 5, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Mikel was born in Columbus, GA, on March 23, 1944, to his parents, Herbert Carruthers and Juanita Pugh Carruthers. He graduated from George Washington Carver High School in 1962. Mikel was also enlisted in the United States Air Force where he faithfully served during the Vietnam Era.

He attended Williamsburg Culinary Institute and J. Sergeant Reynolds College, earning degrees as a Master Chef. His food career path leads him to become the food service director at Florida A&M, the executive chef at Fort Monroe, and Hampton University. Mikel had a distinguished career as the banquet Chef at the Colonial Williamsburg, in Virginia. Also, he served the community as a New York Life Insurance agent. His ultimate dream of owning his own establishment was fulfilled, as the co-owner and chef of Pearl's Restaurant in Newport News, VA.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Azeem of Hampton, VA; Children; Preston Carruthers, Tracy Williams, Lori Johnson; Step-children; Shaudetta Bond and Azure Owens Wilson. Grandchild; China Bond and other grandchildren. Siblings, Gwendolyn Lemons, Steven People's, Herman People's, Carolyn

Carter, and Linda Nelson. Also, many nieces and nephews.

The Viewing will be held at Fisher's Funeral Home on November 17th from 2PM-6PM. The Homegoing Service will be held on November 18, 2022, at 11AM at the Restoration Christian Church, located at 606 Denbigh Blvd., Suite #200. Newport News, VA, 23608

Cemetery Details

Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Previous Events

Azeem Public Viewing

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Azeem Celebration of Life

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Restoration Christian Church
606 Denbigh Boulevard
Suite 200
Newport News, VA 23608

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Mikel Mashood Azeem*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 16, 2022 at 01:48 PM

SP

You'll be missed my brother

Stephen Peoples - November 18, 2022 at 12:57 PM

EN

I lived in the building next to Michael and his family in Ft Eustis back when we were teenagers. We played on baseball and basketball teams there and we both graduated from GW Carver High School in 1962. I last visited him and his wife Evelyn in 2001. My belated condolences to all the family as I'm just finding out about his passing in October 2024. Be well.

Edward Nelson - October 18, 2024 at 01:24 AM



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M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 14, 2022 at 11:50 AM

GK

“ To Evelyn, I did not know that Mike had passed until I was informed by a friend last Summer. At the time, she didn't mention which funeral home, and I could not find him in the Daily Press. And I know that many now bypass the newspaper and that lately, the obituary section does not list funeral homes as it used to. Someday, I will visit the cemetery and the family and friends there. God Bless,
Gary W. Kelly
gwk308@yahoo.com

Gary W. Kelly - April 01, 2024 at 03:48 PM

CB

“ Beautiful, Homegoing Service for Brother Azeem. He will be missed, and we know his love and "spirit of service to God's People" and people in general, remains. I remember when we met with Elder Gregory and Dr Saudra Cherry around 18 yrs ago, and Bro Azeem and Sister Azeem spoke of the Vision for Pearlies, and it came to pass. Thank You God for Brother Azeem and his ministry of Service.

Cornelia A Browning-Moore - November 18, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mikel Mashood Azeem.



November 17, 2022 at 11:12 AM

TB

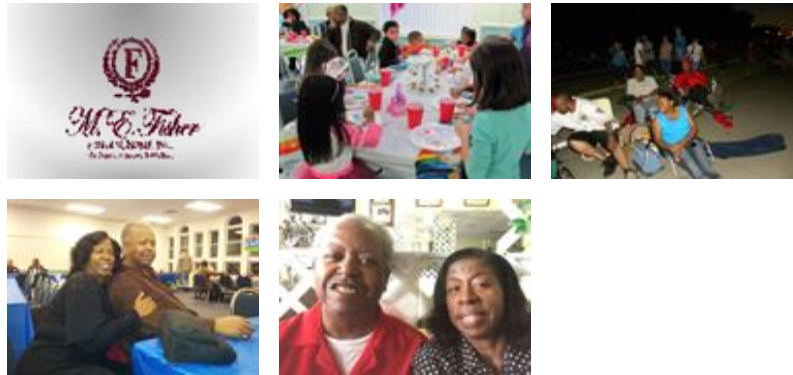
“ My condolences and prayers for Ms. Evelyn and the Azeem family.



Terri DeBrew Boone - November 15, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - November 14, 2022 at 03:57 PM

SA

“ The George Washington Carver High School Class of 1962 is saddened by the Homegoing of our dear classmate. Mike was always kind and sociable to everyone. He will be greatly missed. Family, you have our sincere condolences. Rest in peace, Mike.
-Sandra O. Brown, Class Secretary

Sandra - November 13, 2022 at 11:48 AM

PM

“ *Minister Nelson, I send my condolences to you and your family on the passing of your brother. May you feel the comfort of God during your time bereavement at this. You are for sure in my prayers. God Bless.*

Patricia Moore - November 12, 2022 at 10:23 PM

MT

“ *Millie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mikel Azeem*



Millie Taylor - November 08, 2022 at 07:20 AM