



## Michael Jennings

March 8, 1954 - October 21, 2019

Michael E Jennings, 65, passed away October 21, 2019 after a brief illness. He was surrounded by family and friends who loved him dearly.

Michael was born in Illinois to Clarence and Juanita (Tarlton) Jennings.

After moving to Gary, he played football and learned to play drums at an early age. While in high school, he was a drummer with Jazz and R&B bands, playing at events and venues all around northwest Indiana.

After graduating from Ball State University in 1975 and working as a probation officer for 2 years, he was accepted at Indiana University School of Law, where he met his future wife, Gloria, graduating in 1980. Michael moved to Indianapolis and embarked on careers at Legal Services of Indiana, Inroads Inc, Indianapolis Power & Light and AES that would span 37 years, retiring in March 2018.

During his career Michael was a dynamic leader and tireless advocate for diversity. He served on the Board of Directors of Mid-States MSDC and Westview Hospital, serving as Chairman of the Board at various times for both organizations. In early 2019, he returned to the workforce as Procurement

Manager for Indianapolis Airport Authority, excited for this new chapter of his life.

Michael and Gloria were always on an adventure- traveling the world, hanging out with family and friends or the musician in him teaching grandson Drew to play the drums at two-years-old!

Mike was a wonderful husband, father, brother, grandfather, friend, colleague, coach and comforter. Known for his intelligence, unique sense of humor and passion for music, he was also a balance of calm and optimism. For Mike, everyday was a “great” day and he taught us all to live life with no regrets.

He leaves to cherish his memory beloved wife of 39 years, Gloria; son, Christopher (Gretchen); daughter, Alexis; grandson, Drew; granddaughter (due in December), Dylan; brother, David Jennings; sisters, Sharon Jennings, Debra Whisenton;

In-laws, Charles (Cassandra), Jan, Leslie, Marilyn Christopher; brother-in-law, James Springfield (Hortense); nephew, Jerry(Nikki) Springfield; niece, Alisa Springfield; great nieces/nephews; extended families, Little’s, Blackwell’s, Hale’s, Clowers-Davis’, Flanagan’s and many lifelong friends. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Lorraine Springfield and Hermetta Jennings.

True to who he was, Mike wants to Celebrate his Life with a Jennings’ Party held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28, 4-8 pm at Mid-States MSDC, 2126 N. Meridian St.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Michael’s memory may be made to Mid-

States MSDC.

Final arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to

Quincy J Webster Funeral Chapel, Indianapolis

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mid-States MSDC  
2126 N. Meredian St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

# Tribute Wall



“ Chris-I was so shocked and saddened to read about your father's passing. Way too young to leave this world. Sending my heart felt sympathy to you, Gretchen, and your entire family. May your father rest in peace.

Jay Simmons

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**Jay Simmons** - November 04, 2019 at 11:03 AM

RJ

“ Gloria:  
So sorry to hear of the passing of Michael. Mike and I attended Andean High School as you know. My prayers are with you and the family. Hope to see all for the Jennings Party.  
Rhonda Jones-Jointer

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**Rhonda Jones-Jointer** - November 03, 2019 at 08:39 AM

BS

“ Gloria I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband he will be truly missed by his friends and family you and your family will always be in my prayers Bennie Strong

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**bennie strong** - November 02, 2019 at 09:28 AM

NP

“ Saddened to learn of Mike's passing. Extending my condolences to Glo and their family. His was such a positive and bright spirit. Our fun days as graduate students at IU are remembered fondly. When our paths crossed through the years a smile and a laugh was always to be had. He will surely be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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**Nora Elise Peoples** - October 31, 2019 at 11:42 AM

MS

“ *Mark Satz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Jennings.*



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**Mark Satz** - October 31, 2019 at 09:50 AM

BB

“ *I would Express my condolences to the Jennings family. May God comfort the family. Mike I will always remember the days and days if basketball. Keeping Amber's shoes strings together. Gone byt never forgotten..RIH my friend  
Brigette Boyd and family*

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**Brigette boyd** - October 27, 2019 at 12:29 PM