



## Michael Joseph Burns Jr.

December 10, 2024

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August 14, 1980 – December 10, 2024, Jonesboro, GA

Chef Michael J. Burns Jr. (known as Big Mike), born in New Orleans, LA, on August 14, 1980, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the age of 44. He lived in Jonesboro, GA.

He was the son of Michael Joseph Burns Sr. (Deborah) and Patricia Young Burns. He was a loving father to Michael Joseph Burns III, Mikelle Burns, Ahmad Duplessis, and Machai Burns, as well as a stepfather to Jalesia Simmons. He was also the grandfather of Heaven and Nevaeh Burns, and Jazmine Burns. He is survived by his siblings Kimberly Burns (Gabriel), Montreal Burns Williams (Korey), grandmother, Ruby Burns Curley; 4 nieces Dianiesh Burns Shields (Ricardo), Mya Burns, Gemia Flemings and Mila Burns and Nephew Terrence Worner and Aunt Dawn Burns Franklin (Rev. Calvin) and uncles Honore David Burns (Deborah), Kevin Maurice Burns Sr. (Gloria), Bruce Elliott Miles (Kimberly); stepsister Tanika Hawkins; stepbrother Neil E. Hawkins; many great aunts and uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Michael was a talented chef who worked for several restaurants in the Atlanta area, including Louisiana Bistreaux Seafood Kitchen, Applebee's Grill, Iala &

Co Australia Restaurant, and Granny's soul food restaurant He proudly showcased his culinary skills through his Creole with Soul food truck and catering business. He was an avid Saints fan; he kept many entertained on social media with his passion for the team. He was loved by and crazy about the kids, all his niece, great niece, and nephew great nephews.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service on Saturday, December 28, at Duplain W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, La. Visitation will take place from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM followed by the funeral service at 01:00 PM. Please join us by live-streamed by visiting [www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live](http://www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live). Interment will immediately follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 400 Norman Mayer Ave, New Orleans, with a repast at NORD – St Bernard Recreation Center 1500 Lafreniere St. New Orleans, La 70122. D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements. The family kindly invites you to share your thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at [www.rhodesfuneralhome.com](http://www.rhodesfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Big Mike! You will forever have a special place in my family’s heart. Keep cooking, bruhhLaw... ill keep a close watch on ChaiMan- ☐

Chyna Shorty - December 28, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RP

“ I was a coworker of Michael Burns (Big Mike). I met him in 2005 while working at Sweetwater Drafthouse and Grill at the Atlanta airport. Mike has a great sense of humor and there was never a dull moment around him. I'll never forget his passion for cooking and his dedication to being a hardcore Saints fan. I'll never forget his smile. R.I.P.  
Sincerely, Rita Parker (Jonesboro, Ga)

Reta Parker - December 28, 2024 at 12:11 PM

MB

“ I love you past this life daddy 😭



Mikelle Burns - December 28, 2024 at 05:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Joseph Burns Jr..



December 27, 2024 at 04:28 PM



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

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