

Michael Austin Bailey

Obituary



Michael Austin Bailey, 59, of Whittier, CA
Pilot, Aeronautical Engineer, Computer Scientist
Died February 23, 2015 at home peacefully in his sleep from
the complications of diabetes.

Following graduation from Kennedy H.S. in Barstow, CA in 1974, he attended college at San Bernardino Valley College where he received an AA degree in Business in 1976. Michael attended San Jose State University where in 1985 he received a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He attended California State University at Fullerton where he received various certificates in computer programming. After graduating from college The Navy offered him a position as a navigator. He wanted to be a pilot and chose a different path. From 1988-1998 he worked for Northrop Corporation as a Scientific Programmer. Michael left Northrop in 1998 and worked as a as a Senior Programmer subcontractor to JPL/NASA. In 2002 he worked for GNP Computers Inc., as a Software Engineer. In 2004 Michael became an Instructor for Brooks College teaching Website Development. In August of 2006 Michael accepted a position with the Los Angeles Unified School District as an Information Systems Support Assistant until he retired in 2013.

Michael's true passion was to become a pilot. He clocked flying hours by serving with the Mojave Desert Civil Patrol. He loved the sun, the beach and the lake. Riding his motorcycle gave him the ultimate freedom. He enjoyed watching the sunset at the beach body surfing and fishing. Being prayerful Michael he was obedient to God. He was honest, intelligent, clean cut, tall, slim, well-mannered and an excellent role model. He was a pilot, aeronautic engineer, scientific programmer, computer consultant and a college professor. Never rushing through a job he was meticulous and well-organized. He documented everything. He felt a cluttered environment caused a cluttered mind which lead to wasted time. His home, car and garage were like a library's Dewey decimal system. Every tool, book, kitchen utensil had a place. Michael could fix anything (a car engine, a computer system, the home entertainment system). He was a critical thinker who had the ability to read between the lines. Michael carried the weight of the world on his shoulders. He was a fair man and never judged others. He was comfortable with speaking with the CEO of a company as well as a homeless person. He had no problem sharing his knowledge. He loved to talk. He had very strong opinions

concerning the lack of opportunities for minorities and the middle class, politics, institutional prejudice and the need for a better educational system for the children. His heart was as big as he was tall. If you ever needed Michael he was always there to lend a helping hand. He never married but was a hopeless romantic. He loved all of his nieces and nephews and was very concerned about their futures. He created life-long friendships and always celebrated goodness in each person.

Special thanks: Richard Feldman, a good friend. Katie Bailey, step-mother who listened. Aunt Bonnie Johnson, the family matriarch, who always encouraged. Cousins Rikke Van Johnson and Kae Lea Johnson who made up the (3) Musketeers. Cousins Debbie Johnson, Sharon Johnson and Karla McGinnis who always helped.

Michael was preceded in death by mother Billie Jo Johnson Bailey; father Earl Bailey, Grandmother Carrie DeFond, Uncles Arthur "Delbert Johnson" and Robert Maurice Johnson IV, Cousin Maurice "Robbie" Johnson V.

Michael is survived by Sister Sylvia Bailey Davis, Brother-in-law Lorenzo Davis, Nephews Aaron Wilhite and Rulon Davis, Nieces Toccara Davis and Ayriana Davis. Great Nieces Savanna Wilhite, Laiya Onyenegecha, Nevaeh Dawson, Sophia Davis. Great Nephews Rowen Davis and Timothy Dawson. Extended family members Howard Davis, Charles Davis, Cindy Davis, Tina Davis, Belinda Davis, Briana Washington, Joey Washington, Alma Hicklin, Justin Francis, Vickie Curry, Frances East, Stephanie East, Christian Boyd, Diamond and Dereon Lovemore, Pam Davis, Brittany Davis, Tiffany Davis, Monique Davis, Sterling Davis and many more loved ones.

A Celebration of Michael's Life will be held at the home of Rikke Van and Sharon Johnson, 1555 Pennsylvania Court, San Bernardino, CA 92411 on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 1pm-2:30pm.

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