



Michael William Houston

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In his short time here on Earth, Michael Houston made a great impact on his family and friends' lives. Michael was so well-versed that he was able to form a connection with everyone he met. As a hair stylist at Bad Hair Day (Rehoboth Beach, DE) and Steven Anthony Salon (Rockville, MD) he used that ability to create relationships with hundreds of people.

When Michael was not having fun with friends and clients, he loved spending time with his family. He began dating his wife, Karen, in April 1985, and they married on February 13, 1993. They enjoyed going out to dinner, restoring furniture, and gardening. He is survived by his two sons, David (wife DeAnna) and Matthew. They all shared a love for music and spent many nights creating and playing music. Michael also adored his grandsons, Dominick, Kaiden, and Micah. You could always find him playing outside with them or squeezing them to the point of laughter.

Michael was the son of Wayne and the late Charlene, and brother to Robert. Michael loved visiting them in Indiana. They would all spend time camping, playing cornhole, and relaxing in the garage, while listening to music. Michael especially enjoyed restoring cars with his father and brother.

To celebrate Michael's life, services will be held at Coffman Chapel (Located at Hood College - 521 Coffman Chapel Dr, Frederick, MD 21701) on Sunday, February 5 at 12:00PM. Reception to follow. Relatives and friends are welcome.

Michael was passionate about the environment and wanted to leave a positive impact. He even had a recycling symbol tattooed on his back. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ocean Conservancy. <https://oceanconservancy.org/>





Events


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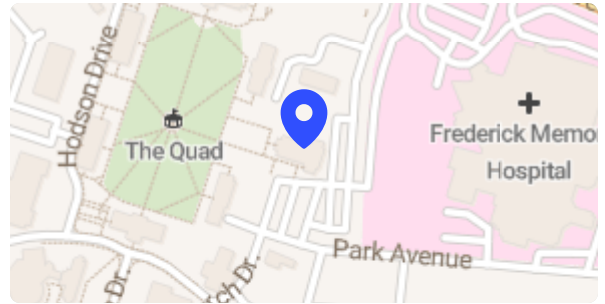
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Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, February 5, 2023

 12:00 PM ET

 **Hood College**
521 Coffman Chapel Dr., frederick MD 21701





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Colette Vereneau Wood posted:

I have known Michael since we were 19 years old; so a very long time! In all these years he's always been true to what he believes, loved one of my best friend's, Karen, and been a wonderful father and grandfather. Life hasn't always allowed us to spend as much time together as we may have liked but when we have all been together either as families, raising and celebrating our kids, and in more recent years as couples, Michael's love of life and fun loving spirit always made our times together special. We will miss Michael so very much and know that he will be in Karen's, David's, Matthew's, The Houston Boys, and the entire families hearts forever. Our forever love and support to you all, Bill, Colette, Justin and Katy Wood

February 5 at 6:57 AM



Karen Houston February 6 at 4:43 AM

Thank you and I love you!



Cynthia Sciotto posted:

Your family is in my prayers today. Michael was a beautiful soul. I will miss getting my hair done by him.

February 5 at 5:04 AM



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Howard J. Hoffman posted:

Michael was such a wonderful guy -- deeply kind, always respectful, values- centered, sweet-natured, genuinely decent -- a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. I was one of his clients for more than 20 years, but what that really means is that I was lucky enough to have the chance to talk with him every 5 or 6 weeks for more than 20 years. We talked about everything over the years -- politics, our work, culture, music, you name it -- but the thing that animated him the most, always, was his family. He was a big family man -- that was what seemed most important to him. I hope this doesn't distress Karen, David and DeAnna, and Matthew, but there are hundreds and hundreds of people who you have never met but who know everything about you. Well, maybe not everything, but alot. Michael talked about you as much as he loved you. And for the last several years, hundreds of us saw pictures every month or so of the boys. Michael was midwestern friendly -- he genuinely liked people, he was naturally warm. Long ago, I got used to the fact that Michael was almost always going to spend a few extra minutes with the person ahead of me -- I just had to wait while they chatted and showed each other pictures on their phones -- and the person after me had to get used to the same thing. He was really talented, and he was so modest about it that it took me years to realize it. He obviously had an artist's eye for beauty, but beyond that, he could run a retail business, he could fix cars, he could make anything with his hands, he taught himself the guitar, he wrote songs, and more. He also had a rock-bottom common sense, just a really good sense of what is the right thing to do. Partly, that was another one of his talents, but also he had a lot of experiences in life, and he spent his workdays talking to people from all walks of life, and I think all that deepened his sensibilities. I benefited -- in all those years I talked to him, there were more than a few times when he helped me think through a problem I had that was really troubling me, and he gave me some really good, common sense advice. There is a word in the Jewish traditions that describes Michael really well -- a "mensch." It's German in origin, and its literal translation is a "person," but its connotation is a particular kind of person. The kind of person your grandparents tell you to be. The kind of person you want your children to grow up to be. A good person. Michael was a mensch. We will miss him. Deepest sympathies to Karen, David, DeAnna, Mathew, Wayne and Robert, and all loved ones. May his memory be for a blessing. Howard J. Hoffman

February 2 at 6:12 AM



Karen Houston February 5 at 5:32 AM

Howard, Thank you so much for your beautiful description of the person and man that Michael was. I always knew when you or Adam came in and Michael would catch me up on things. It feels like I know you both, which I do through him. The messages of support and how people have felt about Michael have been so heart warming and helps. Thank you, Karen



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Rick Allen posted:

Michael Houston was a man of enormous charisma - that immediately-felt quality drawing you in with a clear sense that something fun and interesting was just a minute away. He was genuinely interested in everyone he met and instinctively curious about any possible topic, from politics to music to grandchildren. Michael was a true pro at his craft, but his clientele most treasured his time even more than his tools - you always left him with a smile and a great story to tell. We will all miss his light.

February 4 at 6:29 AM



D. Moore February 4 at 6:14 PM

Subtle, lovely, caring, talented & a joy of singing while he gave of his talent & time. He always spoke of his wife, sons, grandchildren & home in Indiana with the greatest of love & biggest of smiles. It was a rare privilege to be a small part of his sphere of life. He will be so very missed.



Karen Houston February 4 at 12:48 PM

Thank you so much for your beautiful description of who Michael was.



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Houston family.



February 4 at 6:19 AM



Rick And Loree Allen And Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Houston family.



February 4 at 6:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Houston family.



February 4 at 5:55 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Houston family.



February 3 at 7:35 PM



Debora A Simmons posted:

My condolences to Michaels family, I worked with him for years when he first started in the hair business. He worked for me. And I spent a lot of time helping him pass his test. Fingerwaves were not his thing, thank goodness they dont make you do that anymore to pass that test. He was pure of heart, and found the good in everyone he met. Rest in peace my friend, taken from this earth way too soon. Debbie Simmons

February 3 at 12:45 PM



Louise G. Roy November 18 at 5:56 PM

I am totally saddened at finding out today that Michael (I always called him Michael) passed away in January 2023. He was my hairdresser beginning in 1993 when I think he was beginning as a hairdresser until I moved back to. Canada in December 2019. I loved the guy as a friend & like other people wrote here, we talked about everything under the sun. I had planned on driving down to Maryland last Spring but didn't make it. This week I sent him an email to say 'hello' & tell him I would be going next Spring. The email was returned so today I decided to Google him only to learn about his passing. I can't believe it. Such an all-around fantasmagoric great guy! I feel very sad. My sincere condolences to Karen & his sons, whom he spoke about with obvious love, other family members, and his many friends. Rest in peace my friend. Louise G. Roy



Karen Houston February 3 at 7:09 PM

Oh Debbie, I had to sit and let him practice those finger waves on my several times before he took the test. Thank goodness he passed!!!



Joe Magnello posted:

Dear Houston Family, I've only met Mr. Michael a handful of times, but in those moments, lifelong memories were made. I've been honored to be one of David's life long friends and witnessing his growth and amazing parenting, he must be so proud of his son. Here to support, honor, cherish and celebrate his life and legacy. Sincerely, The Magnello's

February 3 at 2:50 AM



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AW

Angela Williamson posted:

I have many fond memories of Michael when he lived in Indiana. We rode the bus to school together. We all hung in the same circle during high school and a few years after. I sure miss seeing him when he was back in town this last September. Rest in paradise my friend. You are sadly missed.

February 2 at 3:26 PM

MT

Mimi, Steve And The Fff Team sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Houston family.



February 2 at 11:09 AM

MA

Mimi Adam posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God bless - Friends and Family Flooring

February 2 at 11:02 AM

DF

Deborah A. Farnsworth posted:

God bless you. My many prayers be with you. Godspeed.

February 2 at 9:14 AM

SF

Stephen Anthony Family sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Houston family.



February 2 at 8:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Houston family.



February 2 at 7:52 AM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Houston family.

February 2 at 6:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Houston family.

February 2 at 6:12 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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