



## Michael Young

December 12, 1947 - April 4, 2020

The light dimmed over us when our beloved Michael L. Young transitioned to paradise on Saturday April 4, 2020.

Michael was born December 12, 1947 to the Late Clyde Lamont Young and Delores Smith Brady in Johnson City, Tn. He grew up in Johnson City and at an early age attended Thankful Baptist Church. He later divided his worship between Thankful Baptist and Friendship Baptist churches in Johnson City, TN.

Michael was educated in the Johnson City school system attending Douglas Elementary School and Langston High School graduating in 1965 in the last class to attend Langston High School due to desegregation of the school systems. He served in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969. He earned a Bachelors degree in History from East Tennessee State University.

Michael was employed by Hensel Phelps in Denver, Colorado and most recently CSX Railroad, retiring in 2014 after 20 plus years of service.

Michael was very knowledgeable in and loved history, a good joke and often jokingly described himself as “A Walking Book of Useless Information.”

Michael accepted the role as chairman of the LEAD committee for the continuing efforts to restore the old Langston High School building. He worked

passionately and tirelessly to see culmination of this and previous groups' efforts come to fruition in the grand opening celebration of the Langston Educational and Arts Development Centre in 2019.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather Eddie Brady and stepmother Claudine Young, brother David Randolph (Randy) Young and Half-brother Dana Young.

He leaves to mourn his wife Sarah Bell-Young, children and step children Alicia (Kenneth) Dalton Maryland, Jason R. Young (LaKisha) Michigan, step-children Nichole Bell, North Carolina, Talib Ennaemba and Tammie Ennaemba, Georgia.

Grand children and great grandchildren who he celebrated daily David Daniel Gibson V, Dia and Dayley Dalton, Idris and Layla Young, Carletan (Elizabeth), Cameron (Madison) and Caleb Bell, Wyndhem, Zakariah and Bahsia Ennaemba. Great Granddaughter Alyssa Roberts.

Half brothers and half sisters Terry Bradley (Mike), Curtis Young, Byron Young, Cornelius (Pete) Moton (Marquena), Richard (Bo) Moton (Che), Carol Oxendine (Raymond) and Elaine Hall (Michael). Aunt Laurice Y. Coxe, Bro/Cousin Wayne Yett and a host of beloved cousins whom he treasured. Devoted brother and sister in law Wayne and Lana Daggs and children.

Due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions a private interment will be held at the Veterans Administration Cemetery Johnson City TN. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Langston Educational and Arts Centre, date to be announced.

Monetary donations in Michael's honor may be made to the Langston Educational and Arts Development Centre 315 Elm Street Johnson City, TN 37604.

A heartfelt thank you to ALL of the Avalon Hospice Care team.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Young*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Margo Drakeford lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



**Margo Drakeford** - April 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *Wow, what a wonderful, caring human being earned his wings when he transitioned into everlasting life. I only had the good fortune of knowing Michael for a few years during my involvement with him in the Langston Centre. Like others who have come and gone, Michael had a dream to see some useful civic repurposing of his old high school. He was passionate and loved to tell stories of his time at Langston. I am thankful he got to see it become a reality. Praying for peace and comfort to all of Mike's family and friends.*

**Tom Shanks** - April 15, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Darlene Goodlett lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



**Darlene Goodlett** - April 12, 2020 at 04:20 PM

AN

“ Sarah, I'm so sorry, Mike was my friend and classmate, He worked to the very end, Putting many hours in to make the Langston Center what it is. He was a community activist. and he will be greatly missed, anytime I spoke with him his conversation was about Langston and what the committee was trying to accomplish, He loved that school and his classmates and we loved him.

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**Angelo Newman** - April 10, 2020 at 05:06 PM

GF

“ I am grateful for Mike's passion and leadership with the LEAD project. May it inspire all of us to learn more, do more and become more.  
Peace and comfort for his family.  
Geneva Fain

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**Geneva Fain** - April 10, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Sarah, I am so sorry for your loss. You & your family are in my prayers..

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**Kitty Marion** - April 10, 2020 at 06:25 AM

MS

“ Although I didn't know Mr. Young well, he made an impression on me with his persistence and commitment to LEAD, his articulation, and his warm, friendly manner. He was a pillar of our community who left a lasting legacy for our city. We extend to Mrs. Young and family our sincere sympathy and prayers.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you."*

*Mark and Kay Sirois*

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**Mark Sirois** - April 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Sarah so sorry for your loss. Mike and you were good neighbor. You and your family are in my thought and thought may God bless.

*Sue and Willie White*

Sue White - April 09, 2020 at 12:12 AM

EB

“ Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



elaine Brady - April 08, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CT

“ Connie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



connie thompson - April 08, 2020 at 02:46 PM

JM

“ So very sorry to hear this news of my classmate and friend passing.... my prayers are for family's strength to get through and for Mike to rest in everlasting peace... he will surely be missed by our Johnson City family.  
*Jan Parks Malone*



Jan Malone - April 08, 2020 at 07:18 AM

Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



Mary Rollins - April 07, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



William H. Hill Jr. - April 07, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



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SS

“ *San Sylvers sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young*



San Sylvers - April 07, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JC

“ James & Brenda A. Charles



James And Brenda Charles - April 07, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



Paulette Robinson - April 07, 2020 at 04:58 PM

CO

“ Carol Moton Oxendine sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



Carol Moton Oxendine - April 07, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CO

*Rest in peace big brother no more pain.*

Carol Moton Oxendine - April 07, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *Shelia Bagwell lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



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**Shelia Bagwell** - April 07, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *John F. Birchette, IV lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



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**John F. Birchette, IV** - April 07, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *So sad to learn of Michael's passing. I was honored to come to know Michael and was happy that he lived to see his work on Langston Centre become a reality. Although He will be missed his hard work and dedication will be realized more decades.to come.*

*God Bless*

*Charlie Stahl*

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**Charles Stahl** - April 07, 2020 at 08:36 AM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



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**elaine Brady** - April 07, 2020 at 01:54 AM

JL

“ *Jackie Briscoe Leeper lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



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**Jackie Briscoe Leeper** - April 07, 2020 at 01:33 AM

RM

“ *Ruth Mensah lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



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**Ruth Mensah** - April 06, 2020 at 08:44 PM

RM

*Mike and Terry Bradley, please accept my most sincere sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God bless*

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**Ruth Mensah** - April 06, 2020 at 08:45 PM

TG

“ Terea and Thomas Graham



Thomas Graham - April 06, 2020 at 07:38 PM

JR

“ John And Karen Rollins lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



John and Karen Rollins - April 06, 2020 at 05:35 PM

DB

“ Diane Bradley lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



Diane Bradley - April 06, 2020 at 04:01 PM

MR

“ Mark Redd lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



Mark Redd - April 06, 2020 at 12:05 PM

DG

“ We share in your loss of Michael who has been a close friend for many years. May God bless, strengthen and keep you during this time.



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**Debbie Grey** - April 06, 2020 at 10:25 AM

PR

“ Pate Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



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**Pate Rhea** - April 06, 2020 at 08:45 AM

CR

“ Cecil And Clara Faye Rutledge sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



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**Cecil and Clara Faye Rutledge** - April 06, 2020 at 08:36 AM

SW

“ We will truly miss you.  
Susan and Steve Wagner



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**Steve and Susan Rhea Wagner** - April 06, 2020 at 02:13 AM

LB

“ Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - April 06, 2020 at 12:12 AM

CB

“ Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



Carol Bradley - April 05, 2020 at 08:36 PM

VP

“ Hold on to God hand. He will see you through.

Viola patton - April 05, 2020 at 03:22 PM

VP

“ Cousin Sara you are in my prayers. Hold on to Gid unchanging hand. He will you through.  
Love you,cousin



Viola patton - April 05, 2020 at 03:21 PM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



Gary & Moricina Fain - April 05, 2020 at 11:41 AM

GF

Keeping the family in our prayers.

Gary & Moricina Fain - April 05, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ To the family of Michael, please be eased o your pain of this. Mike and I lived near each other as kids and were class mates at Langston. We played football on Sundays, and he was a great guy. This really has touched me so much. Love for us all

Terry Perkins - April 05, 2020 at 11:15 AM

BW

So sorry for your loss but you know god has him so RIP my friend

Billy Williams - April 10, 2020 at 11:01 PM

CM

“ Cmsfain@yahoo.com lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



cmsfain@yahoo.com - April 05, 2020 at 10:34 AM

RH

“ Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



Renea Hall - April 05, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Jeanne Sayers-jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



Jeanne Sayers-jackson - April 05, 2020 at 09:43 AM



May you RIP cousin no more pains

Jeanne Sayers-jackson - April 05, 2020 at 09:44 AM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



Janice wells - April 05, 2020 at 09:34 AM

JW

MY PRAYERS GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY SARAH WE LOVE YOU WE ARE HERE FOR YOU YOUR CLASSMATES MIKE WAS A JEWEL ALWAYS TELLING SOMETHING FUNNY HE WILL BE MISSED AND HE LOVED LANGSTON I'M GLAD HE LIVED TO SEE THE DREAM COME TRUE MAY HE REST IN PEACE NOW

Janice wells - April 05, 2020 at 09:39 AM

CB

“ Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



Charles Buford - April 04, 2020 at 11:55 PM

CB

I WILL MISS U LOVE AND BLESSINGS

Charles Buford - April 04, 2020 at 11:58 PM

KM

“ Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



Kathy Mills - April 04, 2020 at 11:43 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



Pauline Douglas - April 04, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young*



William H. Hill Jr. - April 04, 2020 at 09:32 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenlee lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



Nancy Greenlee - April 04, 2020 at 07:31 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Michael Young*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - April 04, 2020 at 07:08 PM

GB

“ G.L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Young



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**G.L. & Trish Bristol** - April 04, 2020 at 06:58 PM

CF

“ Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



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**Carla Forney** - April 04, 2020 at 06:43 PM

TB

“ Terry Young Bradley lit a candle in memory of Michael Young



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**Terry Young Bradley** - April 04, 2020 at 06:37 PM

NH

*Mike touched the lives of many, many people in a positive manner during his life. I am blessed that God allowed our "paths" to cross during our formative years, as teenagers, while matriculating at Langston High School. He was always "fun-loving," considerate, thoughtful, studious and ambitious. His leadership skills were evident as he successfully organized and guided the resources necessary to help transform the Langston High School Building into the "Langston Centre." Mike was truly a "Servant Leader" who believed in God; who loved his family; and, who strived to improve his beloved community. Moreover, I am pleased and honored to count Mike as one of my long-time friends.*

*Both Nancy and I send our heartfelt condolences to Sarah and Mike's family. With our Love, Prayers and Blessings!*

*Norman and Nancy Howard*

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**Norman Howard** - April 05, 2020 at 01:34 PM