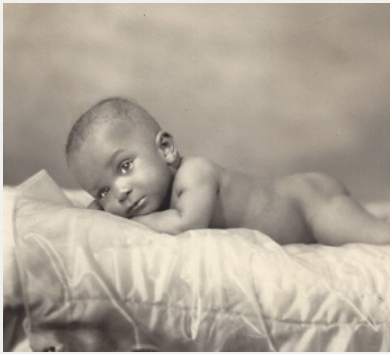


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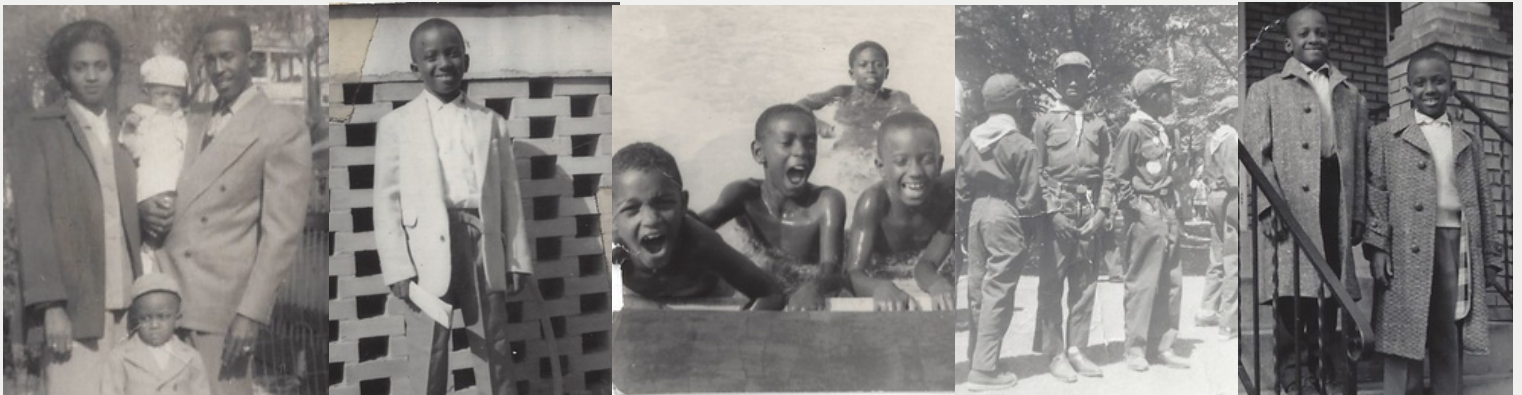


**Michael Bernard Wade, Sr. began his life on April 2, 1948 in Washington, DC born at the Freedman's Hospital. He was the oldest of two sons by Bernard and Marian (Bland) Wade.**

**Mike had a very respectable upbringing surrounded by family and friends. He attended the local cub and boy scouts as well as had a paper route. As a young man, he enjoyed his time between both Warrenton, VA and Washington, DC. visiting both sides of his family. He played football with the Trinidad Rockets and worked at his grandmother's restaurant called the Black and Gold Inn. He attended public schools and graduated from Eastern High School Class of 1968.**

**In the early 1970s, he moved to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands where he was employed by the St. Thomas airport and drove an ice cream truck. He enjoyed his life in the Caribbeans and established lifelong friendships and bonds that he always cherished. He decided to move back to the states and resided in Maryland. He was employed at Metro Transit Authority and held several job titles until his retirement with more than 20 years of service. Mike loved his Metro family and was lovingly known as "Metro Mike".**

**Mike was a wonderful person, loving Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. He took great pride in his family and forged many friendships that lasted a lifetime. He had a humorous personality and a passion for adventure. He was fun-loving and always had a quick joke up his sleeve. He loved playing his numbers and always had a card on hand to give out for any occasion. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.**



**Mike transitioned peacefully in his home in Largo, Maryland on Monday, June 5, 2023.**

**He was preceded in death by both his parents Bernard and Marian (Bland) Wade, his brother Dennis Wade, his son Kenneth Washington and his granddaughter Shavonna Johnson.**

**He leaves to cherish his memories and carry on his legacy, his daughters: April Johnson and Lisa Franklin; his sons: Rudolph Wade (Ronna), Michael Wade, Jr. (Sonya), and Wakimo Wade, Sr.;**

**His grandchildren: Sean Johnson (Allison), Tanika Broom-Atkins (Renaud), Charmaine Hurt, India Washington Ellis (Josiah), Michael Wade aka - Lil Mike, Eboni Wade, Karmal Wade, Ciara Wade, Randy Johnson, Wakimo Wade, Jr. – aka Lil Kimo, Damian Johnson, Aaliyah Short, Kaiden Wade, and Makayla Wade;**

**His great grandchildren: Janiya Butler, London Thomas, Nasir Thomas, Travis Lanier, Nevaeh Broom-Atkins, Elanor Johnson, Amiyah Thompson - aka (Sugar-Boo), Ny'elah Ellis, Dayvon, Jaysia, Jacrin, Tierra and Steven Hurt.**

**Honorable Mention: Phyllis Anderson, Vance and Lonnie Gilliam, and a host of relatives and friends.**



## **I'M FREE**

**Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call.  
I turned my back and left it all.**

**I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.**

**If my parting has left a void.  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss.  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.**

**Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.**

**Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now, He set me free.**

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**Interment will be at the  
Warrenton Cemetery - 21 Main St, Warrenton, VA 20186  
Section C East, Lot# 41, Gravesite 3  
Sat June 24, 2023 @ 11:00am**

**Family and Friends will gather afterwards at the  
Great American Buffet  
8365 Sudley Road  
Manassas, VA 20109**