

Obituary

Mr. Michael Kent Asbell was born September 7, 1948, in Detroit, Michigan. He was the son of the late Fannie Gleaves and Carl Asbell. He departed this earthly life on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Patriot's Village, in Sumter, South Carolina, following an extended illness.

He was educated in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduation, Michael joined the United States Navy, where he proudly served his country. After completing his military service, he returned to Detroit, where he was employed by the City of Detroit, until his retirement. He faithfully served his community for many years, until his health no longer permitted him to continue.

In 2012, Michael relocated to Columbia, South Carolina, where he reunited with the love of his life, Reverend Rebecca Smith. Their reunion blossomed into marriage, marking the beginning of a beautiful, new chapter in his life, filled with love, faith, and cherished memories. He became an affiliated member of Providence AME Church in Little Mountain, South Carolina.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Shelly Asbell and Sherman Asbell; and his sisters, Frances Taylor and Patricia Moultrie.

Mr. Michael Kent Asbell leaves to cherish precious memory: his devoted wife, Reverend Rebecca Asbell; two sisters, Rachel Kelly and Brenda (Joseph) Fielder, both of Detroit, Michigan; one sister-in-law, Linda (Reginald) Wyatt, of San Diego, Carolina; a loving circle of family and friends including, Viola, Dedra, Martinise, Dajanelle, Marshon, and Edward. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends, who loved him deeply and will forever treasure his memory.

Michael will be remembered for his strong personality, honesty, and unwavering convictions. He was often blunt and opinionated, yet beneath his tough exterior, was a caring and generous heart. He loved deeply, cherished his family and friends, and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He enjoyed taking charge and leading the way, qualities that made him unforgettable to all who knew him. Though he will be greatly missed, his legacy of love, strength, and faith will live on.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Military Honors.....United States Navy
- Old Testament.....Reverend Dr. Phil Flowers
Psalm 23:1-6
- New Testament.....Reverend Cole Weathers
John 14:1-8
- Prayer.....Reverend Eddie Mayes
- Solo.....Mrs. Alice Hill
- Remarks.....Mr. Bernard Washington-Bowers, Family
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Vincent Harmon
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Edward Hill
- Closing Prayer
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude



Because the Angels Came

*No more grief or sorrow,
No more suffering or pain
Now there is everlasting peace
Because the Angels came.*

*Only God knows what is best
And he gently holds my hand
Guiding me to a better place
Because the Angels came.*

*When the sun rises tomorrow
And I answer not my name,
Please don't cry...Rejoice with me
Because the Angels came.*

*So please don't mourn for me
As new wings I now claim.
I can take my flight to heaven
Because the Angels came.*

Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MR. MICHAEL KENT ASBELL



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Michael Kent Asbell, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
11:00 A.M.

LEEVY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND EDWARD HILL
-OFFICIATING-

