

## God Knows Best

Our Father knows what's best for us, so why should we complain--  
We always want the sunshine, but He knows there must be rain--

We love the sound of laughter and the merriment of cheer,  
But our hearts would lose their tenderness if we never shed a tear...

Our Father tests us often with suffering and with sorrow,  
He tests us, not to punish us, but to help us meet tomorrow...

For growing trees are strengthened when they withstand the storm,  
And the sharp cut of a chisel gives the marble grace and form...

God never hurts us needlessly, and He never wastes our pain  
For every loss He send to us is followed by rich gain...

And when we count the blessings that God has so freely sent,  
We will find no cause for murmuring and no time to lament...

For our Father loves His children, and to Him all things are plain,  
So He never sends us pleasure when the soul's deep need is pain...

So whenever we are troubled, and when everything goes wrong,  
It is just God working in us to make our spirit strong.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

**THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL T. HARBIN, SR. WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO JOINED US, AND HELPED US ALONG THE WAY CONTINUOUSLY. ALL THE LOVE, SUPPORT AND MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS SHOWN TO US DURING THE DEATH OF OUR LOVED ONE HAS BEEN A BLESSING. MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS BE WITH YOU NOW AND ALWAYS! THE FAMILY**

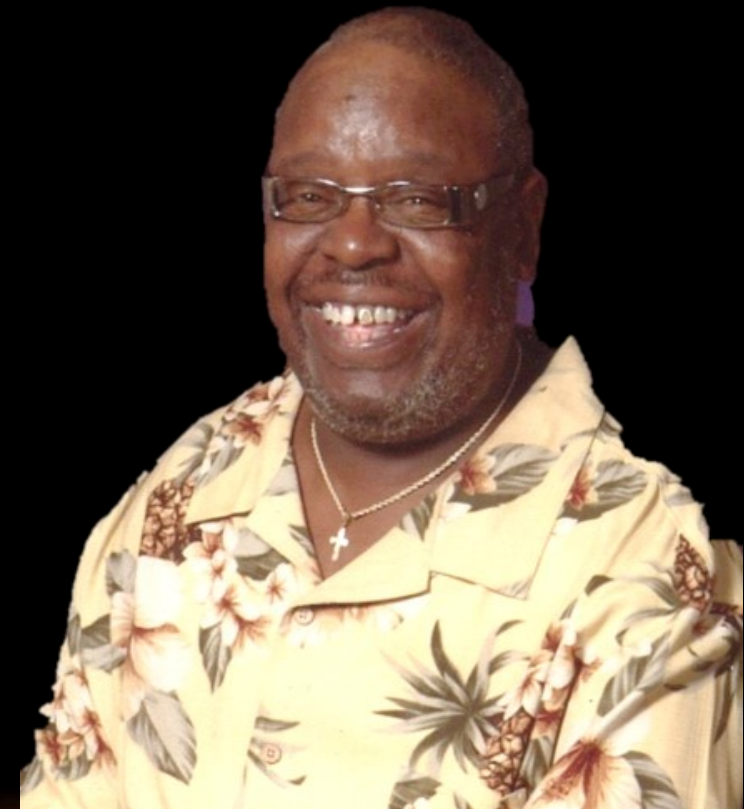
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# In Loving MEMORY FOR

## MICHAEL TYRONE HARBIN, SR.



**Memorial Service**  
**Monday, May 11, 2020 3:00 PM**  
**W.T. Shumake & Daughters Funeral Home**  
**3815 Newburg Road Louisville, Kentucky**

**Rev. W.T. Shumake, Officiating**

Order of Service

Selection Artis Seay

Scripture Carolyn Harbin

Prayer

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Obituary Read Silently

Acknowledgement/Resolution

Selection

Words of Comfort Rev. Robert Drake

Benediction

Obituary

**MICHAEL TYRONE HARBIN, SR.,** was born August 7, 1950, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Charles W. Harbin, Sr. and Alice Smith Harbin. He was the second of three children. He attended Newburg Elementary School and was a graduate of Seneca High School.

Before graduating from high school, Michael had already begun to work. His first job was at a local car wash where he worked occasionally. After graduation, he worked for the Jefferson County Public School System. Eventually, he was hired at Multi-Metals where he was employed and was a dedicated employee for many years until he retired. Michael was married to Carolyn Nickalson Harbin and to this union a son was born, Michael Tyrone Harbin, Jr. He enjoyed the time spent with his son and grandsons.

Michael was an active man throughout his life. He could be described as a “people person” who met no strangers and enjoyed life to its fullest. As a young man, he could be found riding around on his motorcycle. Later, when he was not doing that, then he was loving every moment he could spending time with his family and friends or traveling or just eating good home cooked soul food or watching his favorite sports, football and basketball.

Many of his friends called him “Big Mike”, and some called him “Harvy” because they thought that was his last name, but on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, while at Hosparus, his Heavenly Father called Michael Tyrone Harbin, Sr.’s name because it was time for Michael to take his eternal rest with Him. Absent from the body; present with the Lord. Michael was preceded in death by: his parents and brother, Charles W. Harbin, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Michael Tyrone Harbin, Jr. (Karen); grandsons, Michael Tyrone Harbin, III and Kenyon Harbin; sister, Beverly Harper; nieces, Latosha Harper, Leah Moore, Cutrese Young; nephews, Dell Harper, Jerome Nelson, Roderick Harbin, Sr. (Demissia); special companion, Theresa Evans; caregiver, Carolyn Harbin (former wife); and a host of relatives and friends.

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