



Migeal Swain

February 18, 1973 - October 16, 2011

SWAIN, Mr. Migeal - Age 38, passed away Sunday, October 16, 2011. Family hour 11 a.m. Monday, October 24, 2011 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Lewis Randolph officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Monday. Mr. Swain will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. "And now abide faith, hope, and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13 On February 18, 1973, Migeal was born in Flint, Michigan, into the loving, educational-oriented, Christian family of Mitchell and Judith Swain. He was the second child and the first son born to this union. His parents were both deeply involved in education. His father, now deceased, was a teacher and later an administrator in the Flint School System. His mother was a school social worker and later an administrator in Flint and Carmen School Systems. Mitchell and Judith Swain both were enthusiastic about education and desired the same for their three children. As a child Migeal was very bright, inquisitive, and cheerful, but, like all children, there were times when he was mischievous. In his formative years, not only did he have his mother and father as great models, but as a preschooler, he had the loving, nurturing hands of Mrs. Irene Bennett, as a babysitter and grandmother-type figure until her death. Carrying the education torch passed to him from his parents, Migeal excelled academically and socially in high

school where he was recognized as a stellar soccer player when he was involved in the American Youth Soccer Program. In addition, he was saluted for his excellence in football and basketball. He graduated from Southwestern High School in 1990. As an a young adult, he attended Ferris State University graduating with a degree in business in pursuit of an additional degree in education. He was initiated by Epsilon Tau "E.T.-Extra Tough Chapter" of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1993 and continued his involvement in sports. For a time, he was the assistant coach of Men's Basketball at Delta College. Because of his enthusiasm in education, he served as a highly-motivated educator for Beecher Community Schools for a number of years. He also served as the Chess Club Coordinator and made a difference in many students' lives during his tenure at Tucker Elementary School. Migeal was also a dedicated member and minister in training at Dozier CME Church for a number of years. He currently attended Family Worship Center Church. In the year 2000, he was joined in holy matrimony with Tamar Pleasant. To this union was born a son Matai "Hoot". He also had a loving stepdaughter Quinasha "Schae", and two other wonderful children--Markell and Brielle "Poopsie". Migeal was a devoted father, but inspired and mentored many children and was fondly known as "Uncle Gale and Coach Swain". One of his most treasured accomplishments was being the proud coach of the Young Bears Boys Basketball Team, which he lead to multiple local and regional championships for several years. Migeal was a music and car enthusiast and recently completed car salesman training at Patsy Lou Auto Dealership. Migeal was cherished and greatly loved by his family, friends, and acquaintances. He leaves to mourn his lost an adoring mother; his doting children; devoted friend and former wife, Tamar; his inseparable sister and brother, Sonya (Michael) and Nigel; four nieces, Jamesha, Michaela, Saniah and Kayla; 2 nephews, Nate and Nehemiah; a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, dear friends and church members. May God hold Migeal in his loving, protective hands.

Tribute Wall



“ *Migeal Swain*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tamar & Family:*

There are no words that can fill the void that you are feeling. Please know that we are praying that God cover you with his tender mercy, and grant you peace during your time of sorrow.

*Love,
Amie, Courtney & Justin*

Amie Metcalf - Garner - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Matia,*

I was so sorry to learn of your loss. Everyone at Mason is here for you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mrs. Renee DuRussel - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ May the love of your friends and family surround you and fill your heart as you journey down this difficult road. It has been 9 years since my husband passed away and I know that the road ahead will bring you many ups and downs but know that your husband's love and presence will always be with you. Be sure to be kind and gentle with yourself. Sending you and your family my prayers.

Yvette Hall

Yvette Hall - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I send my deepest condolence to the Swain family. Migeal was my son teacher some years ago at Tucker. Sorry for your loss..

Shirley - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I miss you bro.

Walter Smith - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ In sorrow, we mourn his lost.
In gratitude, we embrace those around us.
Peace and blessings upon you and your family.

*May God watch over your family during your time of need.
With our sincere sympathy.*

Grand Blanc Tang Soo Do - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My husband and I are praying for you and your family as you deal with this tremendous loss. Please know that God does not give you something that you cannot bear. I am there for you and if you need ANYTHING at all, please tell me and I will be there for you. Love you!

Laeki Hester - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to all of the family. Mike went from Kindergarden thru High school with Miguel also played soccer in grade school with Migeal.

Carol and Mike Shell - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ He was good friend and a great person, he will be missed. To the family, God will continue to comfort you in this time. God's Love is eternal.

Lori D Mayo - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

YW

“ I have known you all for over 20 years and I still don't know what to say. I love you guys and we are here if u need us for anything, Migeal was a sweet, nice, generous individual and I mean generous with his time and heart. He was a model to many young men in the community including my nephew. You will be missed by many, but I will see you again. I'm praying for Grace & Mercy for the Swain family to give u strength; not just now but for eternity. LOVE YOU ALL!!!!

Yolanda Wingard - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *May GOD bless the family and friends in your time of sorry*

Felisia Peoples and Don S Lilly - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *What can I say?? When D told me the news, it truly crushed me!! You were one of the sweetest guys that I knew and you always had that beautiful smile on your face that lite up the halls of SWA. You and D were inseperable. Wherever you were, he wasnt far behind. I know he will truly miss you too!! To the entire Swain family and friends, I am so so very sorry for your loss!! I cant even begin to imagine. My heart and prayers go out to you!! May God comfort you in your time of need!! Migeal you are definitely be missed!!*

TaMara Campbell - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *My heart goes out to the family.*

Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Angela Smith-Cooper - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *I send my deepest condolences to the Swain family. Migeal was a wonderful young man. I will never forget those Eisenhower days coaching Migeal. He will be truly missed. Rest in Heaven dear friend...*

Kevin Fiebornitz & Family - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Words cannot describe the sadness and sorrow that I feel over the passing of my loving friend Migeal. Rest in peace!
My heartfelt condolences to the rest of family and friends; may the lord give you the strength and courage during this difficult time.

Pontsho Kgope - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Will miss u bro! But will never b 4gotten>>>>God bless u and ur family.

eddie reds - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My deepest sympathies to Tamar and the rest of the Swain family for your loss!!

I'm praying for you and with you as God guides you through this difficult time...

Love, Donyale~

Donyale Clemons-Sims - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ The Swain Family....
I am so sorry for this time that you have to endure. Migeal was a very dear friend to me, an he is already missed. He has left a mark to anyone that had the pleasure of knowing him. God had a plan for him, an for that reason, he will comfort you all during this time.....
May God Bless

Carla Smith - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ *There is no sorry the God can not HEAL.
We pray that God will give strength.
when circumstances overwhelm and seem too much to bear, depend
upon the Lord for strength and trust His tender car.
Yvonne, Ericka, & Chuck.*

Yvonne Hall-Coulter - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My deepest sympathies to my AP Tamar and the rest of the Swain
family for your loss...*

*I'm praying for you and with you as God guides you through this
difficult time!!*

*Love You Tamar
Donyale~*

Donyale Clemons-Sims - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *I could not believe when my Mom told me about coach. He was my
assistant coach at Delta College, he was also a friend and mentor.
He made us work hard on the court and at study table and if you did
not do your work in study table and he found out he made you work
even harder at practice. I was so glad when I heard he was my little
cousins coach because I knew he was going to push them on the
court as well as in the class room. My prayers are with his wife,
son's and his entire family. Coach was a good dude and the young
men he coached has definately suffered a great loss. He was such
and inspiration to young black males I am so glad I had the
opportunity for him to touch my life.*

Mikyl Bradshaw - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ To the Swain family you have my deepest sympathy. Sonya I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you & your family during this time. May God be your comforter, God Bless.

CHIMENE HILL (BAXTER) - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Swain Family and my best friend, Carmen Robinson, who is Migeal's aunt from Columbus. I have never met Migeal, but through my friend and her kind words of him, would make one feel as if you already knew him. My prayers and thoughts are with you in knowing that others care.

Beverly Middaugh - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear that you are gone. It is a great loss for/to your family, friends and community. Migeal, you were a good, cool dude and you will be missed truly. Again, to the Swain Family I am so sorry for your loss and may God be with you in this very trying time. REST IN PEACE MIGEAL YOUR AN ANGEL LOOKING OVER US ALL NOW.

Ja'Quanda "Punkin" Peeples - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I am so sorry about Migeal..my heart goes out to Tamar/Mati and the rest of the family. You are all in my prayers. This is such a tragic loss to each of you. May God be of great comfort and will give you strength during this time of bereavement.

Teresa Frelix - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *My deepest sympathy go out to Tamara, the children, and the entire Swain family. Let God be your strength and comforter. Love ya!!*

Shamika Givens - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *May God bless your soul and you forever rest in peace!*

Ronnie Shorter - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *I send my deepest condolences to the Swain family. Migeal was a wonderful man and friend, He will be truly missed. Rest in Heaven dear friend... Love ya!*

Tomika Boose - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My deepest condolences, go out to the entire Swain family. My heart is full of sorrow. May you Rest in Peace, my friend. I love you.*

Janelle Thompson - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Swain family. May you continue to find your strength in the Lord and one another.*

Stacy McGee-Dixon - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Swain Family. Migeal will truly be missed.*

Melodie Turner - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Migeal u will be remembered in my heart for da long as I live. I will always recall your easy laid back demeanor. You had a smile that could light up a room and make s person happy if u were down. To the Swan family, my sincere condolences. Sonya I love u and u have my heart felt sympathy.

Michael Jefferson II - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Migeal. May God Bless you Tamar and Mahti during your time of need as well as the entire Swain Family.

LaKesha Perry-Brown - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ You will be missed beyond any words. My the Lord continue to give comfort to the family, giving peace and strength. You are now home, rest...

Kimberly Dixon-Glover - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To the Swain family we send our condolences! Always cherish your time with him, it will help you through your hard times. Much love to Tamara and family!

Annta Callaway - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Migeal, I'm so sad that you are gone. You were one of the nicest guys I ever met. I only have great memories of you, but my favorite times were hanging with you and the 'crew' when we would always come to Southwestern. I felt like that was my second high school. Then we all enrolled in college at Ferris and stayed in the same dorm. But the good times didn't stop there...we were pledging together...you were pledging Kappa and I was pledging to be a Kappa Diamond. I'm so glad to have seen you at the picnic last summer. You were the same cool guy from all the past years. I am praying for your family Migeal...your mom, children, sister and brother especially. I remember how much you adored your brother and sister. But now you are with your Daddy whom I know you missed. The world is not the same with you being gone...I cant believe I am contacting you this way. My heart hurts. I will miss you my dear friend....Love always Ayana

Ayana McReynolds - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You will be truly missed bro! Gone but never forgotten. You touched so many people in your lifetime and we are truly blessed for it. You are in a better place now bro so rest easy. Until we meet again. Love you with all my heart!! YOOO!!!!

Senita Smith - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ My sincere prayers and sympathy goes out to Sonya and the entire Swain family. Migeal was a beautiful person inside and out and will be greatly missed. Always greeted you with a big smile and big hug. May God see you through this mournful time.

Tiffany Walker - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My heart goes out to Sonya and the entire Swain family during this difficult time. I remember the days we all use to hang out at Garfield during the summer. Migeal was the best and well surely be missed.

LuKena "Marthrel" Carter - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the Swain family. My heart aches for you and the loss of such a wonderful person. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Migeal you are tremendously missed.

LaShona Boose - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Migeal. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. We as human beings never get use to losing our dear loved ones in death, so please know that God's purpose is to reunite family again. May your comfort and strength be drawn from God. My deepest condolences to the entire Swain family.

Nicole Johnson-Fluker - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ HEY BRA HOW YOU NEVER THOUGHT THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU SWAIN YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART MAN WATCH OVER ALL OF US AND PULL SOME OF OUR COAT TAILS WHEN YOU SEE WRONG BEING DONE BUT I WILL SAY THIS YOUR ONE OF THE RREALIST PERSON I HAVE NONE WELL BRA TILL WE MEET AT THE CROSS ROAD YOU BRA AN FRIEND BENAHCEO

Benahceo Thompson - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I will miss you so much, be at peace with your dad. All of your family in Columbus will miss you deeply. Much love, Aunt Carmen.

Carmen Robinson - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ To my Big Bro Migeal you will be sadly missed by all who have been around you to know that you were a silly as can be. God has opened his arms to you and you can still spread your happiness and cheer on the ones you love. I pray that god watch over moma Judy Sonya Tamar Nigel and your children. Luv ya big Bro

Tawana Pharms - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I want to offer my thoughts and prayers to the Swain family and extended family. I remember Migeal as a man with a ready smile and an extended hand in friendship. May god rest his soul and comfort those he has left behind...

Jason Rogers - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My heart goes out to Sonya and the entire Swain family. May God grant you the strength and courage to get through these trying times. I can remember all of the numerous soccer games at Atwood and Broome Park that Migeal and Sonya and I were involved in not to mention the numerous trips to Hamilton for Canusa. His laugh and smile were infectious. I later came in contact again with Migeal when he would come into my place of employment for turkey coney. He will always be remembered and I will always cherish our conversations and reminiscing of memories from the past.

Julie Gerace - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO TAMAR & CHILDREN & THE ENTIRE SWAIN FAMILY...MAY GOD COMFORT YOU & GUIDE YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.....

Tawana & Tim Beaugard - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ May God Comfort You
We can never be separated from those we love because God leaves us with memories to hold and love that does not pass away. You're in the hearts of others who care about you and pray for you as God eases your sorrow and replaces it with sweet memories.

Terra Bibbs N-Dub C/o 91 & Ferris State 91-93

Terra - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Swain Family. I love you Tamar and my prayers are with you
Love
Felecia

Felecia Marshall-Herron - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ To the entire Swain Family - May friends comfort you,
Faith uphold you,
Loving memories heal your heart,
With heartfelt sympathy. God Bless!

Kelly Hollins - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Migeal was loved. I'm so sad for his family and friends but I hope they can find comfort in knowing that Migeal is in heaven. We all have a wonderful guardian angel in Migeal. I love you friend.*

Jaquel Thompson - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *I am praying for the strength of this family during this difficult time. May God continue to bless and keep each one of you. Please accept my deepest sympathy. I ask that God keeps you lifted. (Sonya, I am thinking of you.)*

Respectfully,

*Rameka Davis
Birmingham, AL
Flint Northern C/O 1989*

Rameka Davis - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *May Migeal, and you all remain wrapped in God's unyielding love. God bless, and I am praying for you all... Love, Sherry.*

Sheryl McMillan - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Migeal's smile brightened a room and I'm blessed to have known him. May God continue to comfort and strengthen his family and friends during this difficult time. May Migeal rest in peace forever in the arms of our Heavenly father.*

LaShona Clark - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Swain Family.. Miguel will truly be missed by all that he has touched during his short stay here on earth.. Continue to look to the hills which cometh your strength...

Andrenesia Gray - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

QT

“ My heart is heavy because of the passing of Migeal whom I feel was my brother. You all have my deepest sympathy I love you all very much and will pray everyday that God will heal your hearts.

Queda Turner-Wright - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ TO THE SWAIN FAMILY IN THIS TROUBLING TIME, MY HEART, THOUGHTS, CONDOLENCES AN PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOUR FAMILY. AN MAY GOD BLESS YOU AN KEEP YOU, AN SEE YOU THROUGH AS ONLY GOD CAN. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MIGUEL FOR THE MANY MEMORIES. HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. LOVED AN TOUCHED MANY, EVEN FROM FEDERAL PENNITENTARIES REST IN PEACE..SINCERELY, BIG_ JERMAINE J. ONE LOVE CUZ.

Jermaine J. - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To the family of Migeal Swain,

Our prayers are with you during your time of grief. Asking that God mend your broken hearts according to His Holy word: Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal-2 Corinthians Ch.1). Praying that you find refuge and comfort in the Holy Spirit. May God bless you and keep you.

James & Raven Lindsey - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ It was just last week when I saw u. I remember your smile like it was yesterday. We talked laughed and tried to catch up in just that short time. I remember how glad I was to see u, and how handsome u still were. I cant believe your gone. I know how it is to loose a brother and now ive lost a cousin. You were always dear to me. You were my favorite. I remember u playing with me as a child and sneaking to your basketball games. I love u so much cuz and miss you. May god bless my aunt and cousins. You will never be forgotten always remembered. I love you. Lil Dee

Deanna vincent - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Tamar and Matai,

I was saddened to hear of your loss. I want to extend my condolences and prayers to you and your family.

*God Bless,
Pat Steele*

Patricia L. Steele - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Migeal "MG" will be sadly missed by a host of children in the Genesee County Area as well as their parents. Migeal was such an inspiration to the many children that he touched in His Life. God broke the mold when he created Migeal, and may God embrace him, just as the many people who's Life he touched with his infectious smile and mentorious stlye.

Tonya Brown - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ *My deepest condolences. I am asking God to help Matia and his family through this difficult time. May you find strength from God and your friends.*

Nancy Ogle - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *My condolences to the Swain family for the loss of Migeal. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 assures us that we can find solace in "the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation." During this difficult time reliance on him and his world will sustain you. I hope you can find peace during this difficult time.*

E Torres - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *To the SWAIN Family: With deepest sympathy for your loss at this time. I've known Migeal for years and found him to be a true friend whom you could rely on. It's sad that such a good person had to be taken away so soon, however we will meet again one day!! Much love my brother, R.I.P. "BIG"*

Ms. Jackson - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM