



Dr. Michael Gregory Morris

May 27, 1963 - September 24, 2020

Michael Gregory Morris was born on May 27, 1963, to Nelson and Wessie Morris in Hollywood, Florida. He accepted Christ at an early age. A very self-motivated and conscientious student, he was always an avid reader, hungry for knowledge. Michael excelled in school, winning various awards such as the Daughters' of the American Revolution essay competition (which he found particularly hilarious) and the State of Florida Spelling Bee. After graduating from Miramar High School in Broward County, Michael received a Bachelor of Science from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Following his graduation from Emory, Michael earned his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Miami in Miami, Florida.

After receiving his medical degree, Michael and Monica were joined in matrimony on June 17, 1991 (they met on their first day of college at Emory University and soon became inseparable, which lasted for a lifetime). Michael and Monica relocated to New Orleans, Louisiana where Michael began a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Tulane University. Michael completed his residency at Albert Einstein in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He quickly earned his Board Certification appearing before the Fellows of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Michael was licensed to practice medicine in seven states, and won numerous awards throughout his academic, residency, and professional careers such as High Honors from the Council of Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Co-Worker's Choice Award for Resident

Excellence in Enhancing Compassion, Professionalism, Teamwork and Quality of Care. After working with Williamsport Obstetrics and Gynecology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Michael relocated to Jackson, Mississippi where he opened his own medical practice. Michael was dedicated to his patients, worked long hours ensuring their care and the safe delivery of their infants. Michael was an accomplished clinician and appeared in various publications during his profession. In 2008, he was profiled in Portico as one of the up and coming OB-GYNs in the Central Mississippi Area. He participated in numerous health fairs, appearing throughout the community on panels devoted to Women's Health. He performed the research that garnered a large grant devoted to exercise and healthy eating in the Mississippi Delta. Michael last practiced with North Oaks, Ob-Gyn in Hammond, Louisiana.

Michael was determined to become a runner and to that end he ran three to five miles three times a week and participated in races from the Crescent City Classic to the Jackson Mississippi Watermelon race and trained assiduously for the Blues Marathon until he was sidelined by a knee injury. He was a supportive member of College Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where he served on the health ministry and along with the Chair spearheaded a College Hill Health Fair.

There was nothing Michael loved more than family and talking with family and friends. He was devoted to his family and to that end, if you met Michael you would inevitably be treated to stories of his upbringing and the summers he spent in Gainesville, Florida at his maternal grandparents' home. He believed in sharing stories as a way of telling his children about their ancestors as well as demonstrating the stock from which they hailed. He also wanted to know about your family, and he listened with care and never forgot a single detail. His love of family, singing and learning are an example of how to live life well. Three children were born to the union of Michael and Monica: Meredith, Clay and Jackson. Michael was a loving husband and devoted father. His children were the apple of his eye - he loved them, encouraged them and was involved with their lives. Despite the professional demands of being an obstetrician,

Michael participated in and attended many of the children's events taking time to help with school projects (which with him could take on a life of its own.) With "Dad" you had to research the topic thoroughly, outline a plan, list needed materials, check that list twice, and then finally make the trek to the store to purchase the materials. While the kids were eager to begin, "Dad" insisted on laying out the materials, planning the steps again to actually make the project, and of course, everything had to be painstakingly drawn, cut, glued and affixed with precision. By the time the project was complete, the child was on the floor in tears and Michael was assuring them that it would take top honors (and the project would.) Michael could also be seen running into the house just in time to leave again to take them on camp-outs, make it to cheer them across the finish line at cross-country races and sliding into seat at the CPA to catch a performance, hear them read a line of the litany, or just to play a bar of a movement. Michael never tired of fatherhood. His children were his pride and joy.

In our grief, we are shaken by the totality of Michael. His unquestionable love for his family. His love of music. His life-long love of learning. His ability to put people at ease and just be... How much he enjoyed being with people, hearing and sharing stories about family. In one sense his story is no different from many men who work tirelessly so that their children can have a brighter future. In another, more personal sense, his story is that of a formidable hero who carried everything on his shoulders to give us a happy home and secure future. We can only hope the breaking of our hearts now is testament enough to the gratitude and love we feel for him.

Michael earned his eternal rest. Now it is our turn to try and be worthy of his sacrifice by following his example: to be decent people, hard workers, to care for family and think of others first, to give back to the community, and to cherish everything he gave us-our sense of belonging, family, our memories and happy lives.

On Thursday, September 24, 2020, Michael transitioned from this earthly life, and we celebrate his home-going today. He leaves to mourn and cherish many wonderful memories, his wife, Monica J. Clay; children, Meredith, Clay and Jackson; his parents, Nelson and Wessie Morris of Gainesville, Florida; a sister, Brigitte Morris of Fort Myers, Florida; more than just in-laws, the Clay family: sister-in-law Chriscella, brother-in-law James, nieces and nephew, Ricki, Lee and Justin Clay; a large host of loving aunts and uncles, cousins, and a host of other relatives and special friends.

All will never forget Michael and his impact on their lives. He will be remembered as an honorable man who loved a good joke and took pleasure in living and laughing.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Michael's name popped into my head today so I looked him up. I was his best friend in high school, we studied together and we competed with each other. I went on to go to medical school at the University of Florida and I find that he was an OB/GYN . I am so sad to hear he passed away but he knew Christ. He was a wonderful guy. He was very competitive and excelled in everything that he did. I will have to wait until I ge to heaven to see him again.*

*Joseph Sperduto MD
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Delray Beach Florida

joseph sperduto - November 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM

TS

“ *Thank you for everything.*



T Stewart - November 21, 2021 at 11:15 PM

TS

“ This is so unreal. He delivered my son after I had bad problem with type 1 diabetes and hypertension. I have an awesome c section scar after my delivery. I ran into him at the Outlet mall a few years ago and was so happy to see him. I was looking for him online for the next pregnancy I wanted him to be doctor. I would have driven anywhere for the care, professionalism, and overall good person and doctor he was. This saddens me so. If he was this awesome of a doctor and had patients who loved him, I cannot even imagine how his family may feel. My prayers are with you all and he will forever be in my heart.

T Stewart - November 21, 2021 at 11:11 PM

VA

“ I am in total shock that Dr Morris is no longer here with us. This man was so optimistic and full of joy and great energy. He was there to help me through some of my toughest battles when I lost my baby and he was right there when I brought my rainbow baby into this world. I began to search for him today bc I am desperate need of an OBGYN and to see he is no longer here has just completely crushed my heart. I send all my condolences to his wife and his children his wife and children were absolutely everything to him and I know they are missing him dearly. RIH Dr Morris

Valerie Antoine - February 24, 2021 at 07:29 PM

YJ

“ Yolanda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael Gregory Morris



Yolanda Johnson - February 06, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *If our children are the greatest testament of who we are, then Dr. Morris and Mrs. Morris poured the best of themselves in their children as well as into their community, leaving a legacy of intellectual excellence and service. Although Dr. Morris has made his transition, he has gifted society with three wonderful children who will continue his mission of using one's talents to make the world better for everyone.*

C. Liegh McInnis

C Liegh McInnis - October 03, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - October 03, 2020 at 08:05 PM



This has just broken my heart, I didn't know.

Diane Hollins - October 16, 2020 at 03:36 PM



OMG!!!! I didn't kno... my son was the first baby he delivered when he came to Mississippi 🙄🙄🙄🙄

Shawonda Berry-Merritt - March 30, 2021 at 03:23 PM



The best doctor, I have ever had..I'm so heartbroken 🙄

Hether Laird - May 16, 2024 at 02:57 PM

LR

“ *May God the Father, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit comfort the Morris family during this time.*

Sis. Lenora B. Reed

Lenora B. Reed - October 03, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Gregory Morris.*



October 02, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael Gregory Morris.*



October 02, 2020 at 02:47 PM

FH

“ I am a former Women’s services director at Bolivar Medical Center...I was director when Dr Morris and his lovely and friendly wife came to tour our hospital when he was interested in coming to practice at Bolivar Medical Center when he was applying to Delta Health Center in Rural Ms Delta. He was dressed sharp as a “tack” and was very proud of his son and his swimming team and accomplishments...intact, that was the only thing I felt that was holding him back. After that Dr Morris came to work with us and we grew fond of him. He traveled to prevent from uprooting his family And son from what he knew as his friends and his “norm”. I learned a lot from him and he was very knowledgeable and loved the opportunity to teach about the modern updates and the current medicine on the mold problems with OB/GUN problems. I was always in awe! The last encounter I had with Morris was one evening and he was on his way back to his “sleep” room and I noticed a rather worn paperback book, the cover read “the Hobbit”. You see, I knew this was not his first time reading this because it was a classic, soni just looked at him and said “good read, huh doc?”...he just looked at me with those nerdy little glasses and his surgical green scrubs and said,” it deserves another read”. As he grinned...

It saddens me to hear that the medical profession as well as such a sweet little family lost a great man. May God keep you in his loving arms and comfort you always. May your memories keep him alive in your heart. God Bless.

*Sincerely,
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felicia hooper - September 30, 2020 at 11:48 PM

JW

I will always remember the kind soft spoken man I called Dr. He would always greet me with how r u and the family. He had a smile that was genuine. Rest In Peace u will always be remembered Family keep the sweet memories

Jeraldine. Watts - October 03, 2020 at 07:34 PM

DH

I worked with Dr.Morris at Family Health Care for four years, he was a great doctor and loved the opportunity to teach. He loved his family and often talked their accomplishments. He motivated you to want more out of life and strive for it. I loss my daughter while I worked with Dr. Morris and he came to my house along with his baby Jackson to check on my family, it meant a lot. That's what I remember most about him even though he was an outstanding physician he never forgot anybody. He was also direct, never left anything to the imagination would tell you just what was on his mind. So rest on Dr. Morris you left an impact on this world, you will always be loved and remembered by many. May God continue to bless Monica and the children and wrap his loving arms around you in these difficult times. Behind every great man there's good woman that helped made it possible. God bless.

Diane Hollins - October 16, 2020 at 03:22 PM