



Rev. Dr. Michele Downing

September 24, 1967 - February 27, 2023

Rev. Dr. Michele Beatrice Downing was born in Prince George's County, Maryland, to the late Charles L. Young and Shirley B Young. She was raised for a short period of time in Prince George's County Maryland until her family moved to Charles County Maryland where she was educated in the public schools. She is the second of three children born to this union. Elder Downing departed this life on February 27, 2023 at ECU Health Medical Center.

Elder Downing graduated from Thomas Stone High School in St. Charles, Maryland after graduating she furthered her education at the Chesapeake Business Institute in Clinton, Maryland where she received her degree in Automated Information. She later attended the Howard University Bible Enrichment College. Elder Downing is a graduate of National Bible College of Fort Washington, Maryland where she studied under the tutelage of great international theologians as Dr. Mark Lowry.

Elder Downing accepted her call in the Gospel Ministry at the age of sixteen at the Christ United Methodist Church in Aquasco, Maryland under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Conrad Parker. As she matured and grew, she was later commissioned at the Union Bethel AME Church in Brandywine, Maryland under the tutelage of Pastor Harry Seawright and Presiding Elder Dr. Hildebrant. She later joined the Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Oxon Hill, Maryland under the leadership of Rev. Rodney L. Young, where she was

licensed for the Gospel Ministry. She remained there until she moved to Clayton, North Carolina; she then joined the Johnston Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Clayton, North Carolina under the leadership of Rev. Theodore Breeden. She was Ordained there on June 30, 2013 under the leadership of the Johnston District Association where the Moderator is Pastor J. Vincent Terry.

Elder Downing later moved to Clayton, North Carolina and worked for the State of North Carolina as a Social Worker for twelve years until she retired on disability. She graduated from Shaw University in 2006 with double degrees in the areas of Social Work, Philosophy and Religion.

Elder Downing has served at the True Vision Worship Center where the Pastor is the Rev. James R. Harden. She served as the facilitator for the Women's Ministry and the Church Administrator. A graduate of the Mt. Calvary Bible College under the leadership of Apostle Henry Brown, Sr. She is married to Deacon Lorenza Downing.

Elder Downing was a volunteer Chaplin at the Vidant Memorial Hospital, Greenville, North Carolina, she is also a volunteer at the Pregnancy Center, Greenville, NC, and she is also a very strong advocate for Veterans and their families. In spite of her disability she always says and believes that her disability is not her inability to do God's Will!

Elder Downing leaves to cherish her loving memories her husband, Lorenza Downing of the home; adopted son, Josias Downing of the home; stepson, Maurice L. Downing of Roper, NC; foster daughter, Miracle Allen of Washington, NC; one granddaughter, Zoe Monet Spruill of Plymouth, NC; her mother, Shirley B Young of Greenville, NC; two brothers, Louis A Young (Kim) of Zebulon, NC, Harry C Young (Kim) of McLeansville, NC; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
411 Watauga Avenue
Greenville, NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program* ”

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - March 11, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Rev. Dr. Michele Downing* ”

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *I will forever love and cherish your memory. You gave my son a home and so much love. Please watch over him!!* ”

Maria Pritchard - March 14, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Jessica Clark lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing* ”



Jessica Clark - March 11, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *ROSA WILLIAMSON lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing* ”



ROSA WILLIAMSON - March 11, 2023 at 05:38 AM

WW

“ *Walter And Ramona Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Walter and Ramona Williams - March 10, 2023 at 07:49 PM

NB

“ *Nedium E Bailey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Nedium E Bailey - March 10, 2023 at 02:43 PM

JP

“ *She was my mentor, sister and friend. She was Kingdom Empowerment encourager and motivator. She told me to use my gifts, we talk every day about the good news of Jesus, I visited her home and sat and laugh with her. She has left me but not alone. I carry her in my heart and on my shoulder to go forward. My Angel shall watch over me. Pastor Michele Downing. God strength for us.*

Jeanette Peterson - March 09, 2023 at 06:21 PM

SA

“ *Sarah Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Sarah Anderson - March 09, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *This one hurts so bad. Just hearing Reka boo i need some more pictures or bring my baby over here will never be the same. Rezo and the babies are in good hand... take your rest and stop by in my dreams with your hugs.*



Dereka Belcher - March 09, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ *William And Patricia Wooden lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



William and Patricia Wooden - March 09, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Patricia Wall McCullers lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Patricia Wall McCullers - March 08, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Bobbie Fitzgerald-Hatton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Bobbie Fitzgerald-Hatton - March 08, 2023 at 10:22 AM

LF

“ *LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



LaVette Ford - March 06, 2023 at 03:21 AM

DS

“ *Deborah Sanders lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Deborah Sanders - March 05, 2023 at 09:07 PM

GD

“ *Gloria Dotson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Gloria Dotson - March 04, 2023 at 09:18 PM

JH

“ *James And Patricia Heath lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



James and Patricia Heath - March 04, 2023 at 06:40 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Peggy Daniels - March 04, 2023 at 07:14 AM

SJ

“ *Samara Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



samara Johnson - March 04, 2023 at 12:19 AM

PF

“ *Peggy Dotson Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Peggy Dotson Fitzgerald - March 03, 2023 at 04:15 PM

IV

“ *Isaac & Sharon Vinson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Isaac & Sharon Vinson - March 03, 2023 at 08:50 AM

BG

“ *Belinda McLawhorn Gallop lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Belinda McLawhorn Gallop - March 02, 2023 at 10:17 PM

HO

“ *Henry & Angela Ormond lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Henry & Angela Ormond - March 02, 2023 at 02:29 PM

MW

“ *Mother Pauline Wooten lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Mother Pauline Wooten - March 01, 2023 at 06:43 PM

TW

“ *Teressa Ward lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Teressa Ward - March 01, 2023 at 06:09 PM

JW

“ Jimmy Ward lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Dr. Michele Downing



Jimmy Ward - March 01, 2023 at 06:08 PM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Dr. Michele Downing



Gayle Hardy - March 01, 2023 at 06:56 AM

PD

“ Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Dr. Michele Downing



Peggy Daniels - February 28, 2023 at 06:59 PM

MC

“ *To The Family,*

The Malaby's Crossroads MBC send our deepest condolences for your loss.

What a beautiful life Rev. Michele lived. As you go through this difficult time, we wish you peace and comfort.

*--Reverend Dr. JS Utley and officers
Malaby's Crossroads Baptist Church
Knightdale, North Carolina*



Malaby's Crossroads - February 28, 2023 at 06:16 PM

BW

“ *Betty Weaver lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Betty Weaver - February 28, 2023 at 04:15 PM

WF

“ *Wilmer D. Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Michele Downing*



Wilmer D. Smith & Family - February 28, 2023 at 04:00 PM

PS

“ *Elder Downing a beautiful spirit-filled woman. Her smile was so a bright light to everyone that knew her. She is resting in peace with her Heavenly Father. May God continue to comfort you the family.*



Paula Smith - February 28, 2023 at 03:57 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - February 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all....I thank God for loaning her to us for the time he did....she will be greatly missed...*

Carrie Michelle - February 28, 2023 at 09:33 AM

JF

“ *Johnny LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Michele Downing*



Johnny & LaVette Ford - February 28, 2023 at 08:26 AM

R&

“ *Rev.Milton Delores Staton &Family lit a candle in memory of Michele Downing*



Rev.Milton & Delores Staton &Family - February 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - February 27, 2023 at 01:23 PM

PF

To one of my favorite cousins ever, I will always love you. Thanks for being a good private friend. God Bless you and family Husband. Love you all, Cousin Peggy Dotson Fitzgerald.

Peggy Dotson Fitzgerald - March 03, 2023 at 04:12 PM