



## Michael L. Pollard

May 14, 1946 - November 19, 2023

Mr. Michael Love Pollard, age 77 of Dayton, OH was born on May 14, 1946 in Benton Harbor, MI to Herman and Nannie Pollard. He was educated in the Benton Harbor Public School System and graduated from Benton Harbor High School class of 1964. Michael attended ITT Technical institute for two years after enlisting in the United States Air Force.

Michael served the nation in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969. While in the Air Force, he deployed to Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 as an Aircraft Refueler at Danang, AFB. During his service, he was awarded the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal for his exceptional achievements. He also achieved the rank of Sergeant, prior to his honorable discharge.

Michael, affectionately known as “Mike” and “PaPa” was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

He was a truck driver for many years and owned several trucks which he thoroughly enjoyed. He retired from trucking in December 2015 to spend time with family and partake in the multitude of hobbies he relished.

Mike also loved manicuring his beautiful lawn by spending hours on his riding lawn mower, using his edger to achieve a crisp look on the borders and the

backpack blower to clear away the debris. His military-conditioned attention-to-detail carried over into his care so much that he became well known in the neighborhood for his manicured lawn.

Mike enjoyed keeping current with the trends, and this helped foster an interest in many game consoles with his grandchildren, culminating in him putting games inside his custom PT cruiser. His ingenuity and ability to combine his passions was unparalleled and infectious.

He loved spending time working on and showing off his custom PT Cruiser at many car shows across the United States as a member of the Gem City Cruisers. He won several awards in many different categories, most notably being "Best in Show."

On Sunday, November 19, 2023, God in His infinite wisdom sent His angels to guide Mike home following a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Nannie Pollard; Brother Herman Pollard II; Brother Wayne Pollard and Grandson Antonio Washington Jr. Michael leaves to cherish fond memories and celebrate his life: his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Mrs. Diane K. Pollard; devoted daughters Monica (David) Safreed, Michelle (Joseph) Kirby and son Antonio Washington; Loving grandsons Brandon (Brittney) Waller, Mycah Pollard, Marshall (Jasmine) Trotter, Joseph II (Brandi) Kirby, Bryce Kirby; Loving granddaughters Britne (Sarah) Waller, Tacarra Jones, Temekea Carter; a host of great-grandchildren and other loving family members and friends.

Family will greet friends 3:00-4:00 pm on Monday November 27, 2023 at Omega Baptist Church-Harvard Campus, 1810 Harvard Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio. A Committal Service will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday November 28, 2023 at Dayton National Cemetery, 4100 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio. Arrangements in care of The Final Legacy. Words of encouragement may be sent to [www.reislegacycenter.com](http://www.reislegacycenter.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Dayton National Cemetery

4100 West Third Street  
Dayton, OH 45428

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Omega Baptist Church - Harvard Campus  
1810 Harvard Boulevard  
Dayton, OH 45406

## Committal Service

NOV 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Dayton National Cemetery  
4100 West Third Street  
Dayton, OH 45428

*Guests should line up in their cars in front of the Cemetery Office Building just inside the cemetery gate by 9:45 AM. The funeral director will be available to guide guests.*

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing.  
Prayers going up to heal the aching hearts left  
behind.



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**Joy..Terry..and Troy** - June 29, 2024 at 09:18 PM

RJ

“ Uncle Mike was the best uncle ever, he always made everything so  
easy and fun..we never had to worry about anything, when we  
come to visit always had a place to stay. We will miss uncle Mike!  
Love Always Larry & Rhonda (Pollard) Jackson

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**Rhonda Jackson** - November 27, 2023 at 11:14 PM

BI

“ Mike was an awesome human being. Adored his wife Diane and  
loved his kids so much!! We always enjoyed hanging out with Mike  
and Diane at our PT Cruiser events and will always remember those  
great times!! We miss ya buddy..... Hugs and prayers to Diane and  
the family....

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**Bill** - November 27, 2023 at 10:55 AM

BI

“ 9 files added to the album Mike's PT Family - We miss you....



Bill - November 27, 2023 at 10:52 AM

CA

“ I'm very grateful that I had the opportunity to know Mike for the last three years! Mike will always have a special place in my heart! God bless you and comfort you. With deepest Sympathy, Carolyn ❤️

Carolyn - November 24, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael L. Pollard.



November 24, 2023 at 03:38 PM

DK

“ Donald Kirby, Barbara Childress, Charles & Coretta Williams, & Donald & Rozeta Kirby purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael L. Pollard.



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**Donald Kirby, Barbara Childress, Charles & Coretta Williams, & Donald & Rozeta Kirby** - November 24, 2023 at 11:25 AM

JB

“ My condolences to the Pollard family, he will be so missed. He was a kind man, that when my family did get a chance to see him and the family, it was a comfort and joy to everyone.

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**Jackie Burrell-James** - November 24, 2023 at 07:59 AM

JM

*Diane, oh what fun we had cruising around Ohio and all over the East Coast at P T events-feeling young, carefree, like teenagers! Have missed both of you as the car grew older and so did we!. however, those wonderful good memories of hanging out together - sharing and caring - will always be in our hearts.  
judy and glen miller*

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**judy and glen miller** - November 27, 2023 at 07:45 PM

EB

“ Elmer B. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael L. Pollard.



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**Elmer B.** - November 23, 2023 at 11:08 PM

EB

“ Elmer B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael L. Pollard.

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**Elmer B.** - November 23, 2023 at 11:08 PM