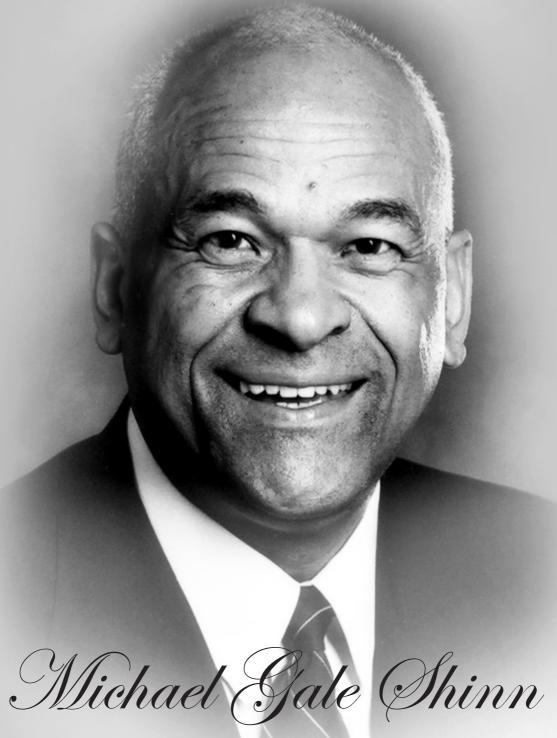
# In Celebration of the Life Of



FEBRUARY 28, 1943 - MARCH 17, 2015

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.
Philippians 4:13

### Order of Service

Saturday, March 21, 2015
Wake 10:00 AM - Service 11:00 AM
Mt. Zion Congregational UCC
10723 Magnolia Drive
Cleveland, OH, 44106
Rev. Paul Hobson Sadler, Sr., Officiating

Organ Prelude
ProcessionalOpening Sentences
Call to Memorial Worship and InvocationRev. Cheryl A. Lindsay
Hymn of ConsolationBlessed Assurance
Scripture Lesson
Solo"I'm In Love With Jesus"Kevin Smith
$Acknowledgment/ResolutionsRev.\ Sadler/Deacons$

### Tributes

Christian Business League Jobs Partnership Cleveland Deaconess Foundation Kansas University General Electric Cameron Costelloe -Nephew

Organ Postlude.....

## Interment Lake View Cemetery

#### Pallbearers

Dr. Julian Earls ~ Lawrence Saunders ~ Darwin Saunders Sherrod Williams ~ Seth Williams ~ Laurence Trotter









## Michael G. Shinn



Michael Gale Shinn was born February 28, 1943 in Topeka, Kansas, the third child of Arthur Shinn, Sr. and Lillian Shinn, both deceased. He attended Topeka High School and was a star athlete in Football and Basketball. He attended the University of Kansas on an athletic scholarship. He excelled in sports and was an excellent student. Mike was named all Big-8 Athlete in 1963. He was drafted by the Green Bay Packers and the Houston Oilers (now Tennessee Titans). He signed with Green Bay and due to knee injuries decided to forego a professional football career, making the decision to pursue a career outside of athletics. While in school, Mike met and later married Joyce Costello in December 1964.

Mike graduated from the University of Kansas in aerospace engineering in 1966; he was recruited by General Electric (GE) and with his new bride moved to Cleveland. Mike received his MBA from Case Western Reserve University in 1972

Mike worked for GE until 1974 and left to take a position with Ford Motor for two years. He was recruited back to GE in 1979 where he worked until retirement, giving GE 31 years of service as an engineer, manager and corporate staff consultant. During his tenure at GE, he was a member of the American Society of Engineering Educators, the Midwest College Placement Association and the Board of Corporate Affiliates of the National Society of Black Engineers. He was honored by NSBE for founding the NSBE Fellows Program and each year the Mike Shinn Distinguished Fellow Award is presented to NSBE's top scholar.

Mike started a new career and became certified as a Financial Planner. For ten years, he wrote the nationally syndicated personal financial planning column, Your Money Really Matters. He was formerly an

investment Advisor Representative for Financial Network Investment Corporation.

Mike was extremely active in his church, Mt. Zion Congregational Church, UCC. He served as Chairman of the Christian Business League, head of the Jobs Partnership Program, Mt. Zion Site, former Chair of the Trustee Board and Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign. Mike was Chairman of the Board of Governance of the Shaker Lakes Nature Center and he served as a Board member of Philanthropy Ohio and the JumpStart Emerging Market Venture Capital Fund. At his university, he was a Board member of the Kansas University Endowment Association, the Dean of Engineering Advisory Board and a recipient of the KU Alumni Association's highest award, the Fred Ellsworth Medallion for outstanding service to the university. He received the College of Engineering's Distinguished Engineering Service Award. Mike was a leader and very active with the Black Alumni group at KU. He completed the Leadership Cleveland Program and is a past Polemarch of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and a past Trustee of the Deaconess Community Foundation.

Mike was Secretary of the Shinn Family Foundation and he established the KU Shinn Scholarship Fund at the University of Kansas for minority students. Over the years minority students have benefited

from his generous support.

Mike loved sports and was a strong supporter of the Cleveland professional sports teams. Mike especially loved going to high school basketball games to watch his grand nephews, Myles and Marsalis Hamilton play. He also loved boating and was first mate on the Beverly III. Mike was a keen traveler and enjoyed going to different places on vacation. He was a loving, nurturing and outstanding role model and father to Stephen as well as a cheer leader to his nieces and nephews. He loved his wife's Australian family and with his family he traveled to Australia every two years to spend time visiting with them. He also enjoyed visiting the pub with other local Aussies he met during his stay and they would spend hours drinking beer and betting on the horse races.

Mike was a work the crowd kind of guy and never met a stranger. He was loved and admired by all who met him. His generosity in helping others was remarkable. He gave of his time, talent and treasure and the young people he mentored throughout his professional career cannot be measured by us on earth, but it

is certain he is now recognized by the Lord for his good works.

He will be greatly missed for his significant contribution and support of his family, his church and his community of people he loved to serve. Mike was predeceased by his older brothers, Arthur, Jr. and Jack Shinn and daughter, Colynn. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Joyce, of 50 years, his son, Stephen, and a host of relatives and friends.

