



## Isaiah Grimes

December 1, 1952 - July 7, 2021

Isaiah “Milton” Grimes, who was also affectionately known as “Milt” or “The Milt Man” was born in New Haven, Connecticut on December 1, 1952 to the late Isaiah Milton Grimes and Leona Elizabeth Troutman. He was born the eldest son of six children, Lawrence Grimes of Greensboro, NC, Dennis Grimes of New Haven, CT, Cheryl LeShore (Bobby) of Hampton, GA. He also has two siblings in Greenville, NC, Hugh Grimes and Eleanor Grimes Howard. As God would have it along with his parents, Milton was predeceased by two of his sisters Charlean Troutman and Ethel Grimes. He was also predeceased by siblings Edna Turnage, Isaiah Grimes Jr., Dallas Grimes and Samuel Grimes.

Milton and the love of his life Meltonia “Toni” Pyles met and loved each other for over 42 years. Together they raised daughters Erica (Marquis) Reshard, E’tosha Gates and Delton Pyles of New Haven, CT. He constantly spoke of his six precious grandchildren, Kiersten Harris who predeceased him and is waiting for him in the land of glory, Marquis, Mekhi and Byron Reshard, Phillip (PJ) McKnight and Taylin Pyles. Milton also had the love and support of six additional sisters Linda, Jessie, Mamie, Elaine, Robbie and Delores “Gisele” and a bonus brother, Tarry. Milton was blessed to have an abundance of friends but he had a few that when you saw Milton, you were likely to see them with him. Mike Streater, Darryl “Sumo” Tolson, John Gary, Monte Douglas, Anthony “Baby Boone” Boone or Ann Langley. Milton never met a

stranger, and by the end the first conversation with him, it is likely that the person left with a new nickname and a friend for life.

Milton graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, CT before proudly joining the United States Marine Corp. He served in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged after he sustained an injury. Upon his return to CT he honed his culinary skills that he learned from his mother and sisters and worked as a chef at a number of places, including but not limited to the Hospital of St. Raphael, Foxwoods Casino and the Veteran's Administration in Rocky Hill. Milton was a member of Bethcar Fellowship Church for over 12 years where he served as an usher. He would speak with his spiritual mentor, Lillian Townsend many mornings to pray, discuss the bible and seek inspiration.

It was often jokingly mentioned that at the time of Milton's home going, there would be so many people that the service would have to be held on the New Haven Green to accommodate the amount of people he knew and loved. He lived his life the way he wanted, without many regrets. "Heeeeeeeeeeeee Thiiiiinnks Thaaaaaaat Weeeeeeeee Stiiiiiiiiiiil Caaaarrrrreeee!....." Yes, we always will.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

### Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

# Tribute Wall



“ *Isaiah Grimes*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Denise Atkins lit a candle in memory of Isaiah Grimes*



**Denise Atkins** - July 31, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ *In loving memory of Isaiah "Milton" Grimes from our Elm Haven/New Haven days. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies.  
-Sis. & Bro. Sheila & Chris Joyner.*

**Sheila Joyner-Pritchard** - July 21, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Grimes family. I remember Milton as a little girl growing up on Ashmun Street. I must say he was one of a kind. Rest well from the Pittman family. 🙏❤️*

**Joyous Pittman** - July 18, 2021 at 08:12 AM

BV

“ Sending our most sincere condolences to the Grimes family, may God give you contentment and surround you with his everlasting love.....Old School back in the day project girls....  
"Broxton Girls"

Brenda Broxton Vaughan - July 15, 2021 at 12:46 PM

DR

“ Condolences to the Grimes family. I remember we all living in the PJ's growing up carefree. Milton was a very friendly person.

Diane Bradley Ritter - July 15, 2021 at 11:48 AM

DT

“ Doleen Troutman ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Doleen Troutman - July 15, 2021 at 10:01 AM

CT

“ Sending my condolences to my family .I can't be there my heart hurts ..i will miss you Milton im so happy that i just seen you.love you cuz always .Rest in Paradise❤️🙏🙏

Cousin Doleen Troutman - July 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM

KW

“ Kerwin Wilkins lit a candle in memory of  
Isaiah Grimes



Kerwin Wilkins - July 15, 2021 at 08:50 AM

MG

“ *To the family sorry for your lost  
Rest in Paradise Milton*

Marilyn Grimes - July 15, 2021 at 08:32 AM

MG

“ *Marilyn Grimes lit a candle in memory of  
Isaiah Grimes*



Marilyn Grimes - July 15, 2021 at 08:27 AM

MC

“ *Maria Coardes lit a candle in memory of  
Isaiah Grimes*



Maria Coardes - July 15, 2021 at 07:12 AM

DG

“ *I love my uncle Milton he was so funny and  
real 😭 I'm gonna miss him dearly, Rest well  
my love*



Denisha Grimes - July 15, 2021 at 05:37 AM



“ *There is so much that i can say about the Milt man but i will miss him so much all the family outing and dances just will not be the same May he rest in piece*



Deborah Tolsonfurlow - July 14, 2021 at 08:19 PM

MT

“ *Mamie Smith, Taylor lit a candle in memory of Isaiah Grimes*



Mamie Smith, Taylor - July 14, 2021 at 03:30 PM

RY

“ *I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Felecia and the Grimes/Troutman families for the loss of "Milt Man". He was a fun loving trash talker, I use to hob nob with whenever we got together. I'm going to miss his fun loving sense of humor. Rest easy, "SALUTE".*



Roe Young - July 14, 2021 at 01:59 PM

TJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the Grimes & Pyles families. Milton will truly be missed. I can hear him saying you know your mom & me have the same birthday. He made it his business to reach out to her on their birthdays. S.I.P. Milt Man ❤️*

Tanya Jeter-Coleman - July 14, 2021 at 01:17 PM