

Michael Clarke Duncan's Memorial Included 'Green Mile' Screening

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A public memorial for the late Michael Clarke Duncan included a screening of the actor's breakout, Oscar-nominated performance in "The Green Mile."

NBC Los Angeles affiliate Channel 4 reports that Sunday's four-hour tribute at Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills also featured speeches from Duncan friends and a slideshow, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Private services were held on the Forest Lawn grounds with Duncan's fiancée, Omarosa Manigault, who attended along with celebrity guests, Channel 4 reported.

Duncan, who was 54, died in Los Angeles Sept. 3 from natural causes, two months after suffering a heart attack.

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MICHAEL CLARKE DUNCAN MEMORIAL DRAWS HANKS, LENO, VIVICA, AND MORE



Rev. Omasosa O. Manigault, Duncan's fiancé, grieves as the casket is carried out of the memorial.



Tom Hanks

Holly Robinson Peete, Vivica A. Fox, Loretta Devine and Stevie Wonder were among those who helped celebrate the life of Michael Clarke Duncan during a nearly four-hour memorial service Monday marked by heartfelt speeches, raising gospel performances and photos of the always-smiling star, reports the Associated Press.

Former reality TV star the Rev. Omasosa O. Manigault, who was Duncan's fiancé, also attended along with Duncan's mother, sister and nephews.

Omasosa told CNN as she arrived for the service: "Doctors said he wouldn't survive after the heart attack for one or two days." She then began crying but continued. When asked if she revived him after the heart attack, she said: "Let's just focus on today and not go back to that day." The former reality TV star added: "I don't remember him as Michael the actor or entertainer. He was the love of my life, he is the love of my life. I'm going to miss him so much."

Actor Tom Hanks arrives at the Michael Clarke Duncan Memorial Service at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park and Mortuaries in the Hollywood Hills section of Los Angeles Monday, September 10, 2012.



Jay Leno

Tom Hanks was also on hand and shared stories about his co-star in "The Green Mile." Peete talked about meeting Duncan while he was still a celebrity bodyguard. Devine spoke of how Duncan would do anything for a laugh. Wonder appeared via video, solemnly playing piano and singing the opening verses of his life-affirming song "As" for the man he called "a gentle giant."

Jay Leno was also among the attendees and said he was touched by the actor's positivity and lack of cynicism.

Jay Leno arrives at the Michael Clarke Duncan Memorial Service at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park and Mortuaries in the Hollywood Hills section of Los Angeles, Monday, September 10, 2012.

Backed by a gospel choir, singers Angie Stone, Kelly Price, Kerry Lattimore and Abraham McDonald lent their voices to the private funeral. State Assemblyman Mike Davis and Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson also attended, with the council declaring Monday as "Michael Clarke Duncan Day."



Reggie Miller pictured with sister Cheryl Miller

REGGIE MILLER INDUCTED INTO THE NBA HALL OF FAME

Reggie Miller has been inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame.

The former UCLA and Indiana Pacers star joined sister Cheryl Miller, a two-time NCAA tournament MVP at Southern California and 1995 Hall inductee, as the first brother-sister pair in the Springfield shrine.

"I just so happened to live across the hall from absolutely, positively the greatest women's basketball player ever," Miller said as his sister stood by with tears in her eyes. "I'm proud to say I am not on this stage if it wasn't for you, Cheryl Deann. We rode your shoulders all the way here. So thank you for your help."

Also inducted were Don Barkdale and Jarnal Wilkes in the 12-person class of 2012. Two-time ABA Most Valuable Player Mel Daniels also was inducted, though illness prevented him from attending the ceremony at Springfield Symphony Hall.

Miller, who was introduced for induction by his sister, along with Magic Johnson and Charles Barkley, retired as the most prolific 3-point shooter in NBA history, making 2,560 in his career for a record that stood until Ray Allen surpassed it in 2011.

That's not counting the playoffs, when he built his reputation for performing under pressure.

His signature moment was perhaps the 1995 playoff game against the New York Knicks when he scored eight points in 8.9 seconds. On the Hall stage, Miller finally admitted that he shoved Greg Anthony and held him on the ground before the steal that set up the second of his back-to-back 3-pointers.

"Like Magic said, 'By any means necessary,'" Miller said, offering a similar admission to pushing Michael Jordan in the 1998 playoffs. "Yeah, Michael, I did shove you, too. But I've seen you do it so many times to so many players, so I figured it was OK."

PARIS JACKSON TELLS GLAMOUR: 'THE TITLE OF MJ'S DAUGHTER DOESN'T FIT ME'



Paris Jackson

Recently referred to as "the apple of her dad's eye," by longtime nanny Grace Ewanzeb, 14-year-old Paris Jackson has shared with Glamour magazine that she doesn't think the title of "Michael Jackson's Daughter" is a good fit.

Paris has been in the news a lot lately, the whole public odyssey surrounding her excessive tweets and followers, the supposed slip that was full around the world between her and her auntie Janet, her Oprah interview, and now, an interview in the October issue of Glamour magazine.

It makes us wonder, what would Michael do?

It seems the very thing he worked so hard to prevent has come to fruition, at least with one of his kids.

His little girl is growing up fast, and unabashedly sharing her opinions.

"I love my dad, and I'm proud to be his daughter. I just don't think the title 'M.J.'s daughter' fits me. A lot of people think he's the only reason I'm making it, but I want to show that I do have talent and that I can make it if I try. I want to be my own woman." She tells Glamour.



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