



Michael Blake "MB Funk" Whitehead

July 25, 1994 - May 17, 2026

Michael Blake "MB Funk" & "The Dude" Whitehead, 31, of New Castle, passed away unexpectedly at home on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

He was born on July 25, 1994, in New Castle, Indiana, a son of the late Terry Dwayne Duncan and Sonya Renee (South) Catron.

Blake was a 2013 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School and worked as a front-line team leader at TS Tech for more than 10 years. He was known as a dependable worker who took pride in his job and the people he worked alongside each day.

More than anything, Blake will be remembered for his heart. He genuinely loved people and never knew a stranger. Whether someone needed a laugh, a conversation, or simply someone to listen, Blake was always there. His outgoing personality, sense of humor, and ability to make others feel welcome left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Blake enjoyed spending time with family and friends and had a lifelong love for music and entertainment. From the age of three, Blake absolutely loved and was passionate about professional wrestling. He began his wrestling career at UpStartPro in 2021, and for the past five years, Blake has fulfilled his childhood dream by wrestling professionally on the "Indie Circuit,"

sponsored by EMERGE and APW.

He was a devoted fan of “Macho Man” Randy Savage, Ray Mysterio, Rob Van Dam, Mankind, and many more wrestling legends, and he especially enjoyed watching WWE during the Attitude Era.

Those left to cherish Blake’s memory include two sisters, Latisha Anne Burns of Ohio and Kristin Dawn Garrett of New Castle; his brother, Jonathon Catron (Courtney June Lee Hall) of New Castle; several aunts and uncles including James (Monique “Moe”) South of New Castle; several nieces and nephews including Destiny Nicole Catron, Xavier Robert Scott Sanders, Aiden Scott Hall, and Aalijah Renee Catron; and numerous cousins and friends who loved him dearly.

In addition to his parents, Blake was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Lynda Sue South, James Luther South, and Laurel Andrew and Margaret Josephine Ford, and his paternal grandparents, Gail and Juanita (Neal) Duncan.

Rather than a traditional service, family and friends will honor Blake by sharing memories, favorite songs, and the moments that made him so special to those who knew him best. The celebration of life will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Friends may visit at the funeral home from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Michael Blake Whitehead.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Celebration of Life

MAY **26.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 240 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - May 26 at 02:11 PM



“ Omar Emry purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Michael Blake "MB Funk" Whitehead.



Omar Emry - May 22 at 06:54 PM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Michael Blake "MB Funk" Whitehead.



May 21 at 03:08 PM

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“ *Michael, It was a honour and a privilege to call you friend. I miss you terribly and I love you.*

Brandon Barnett - May 21 at 06:17 AM