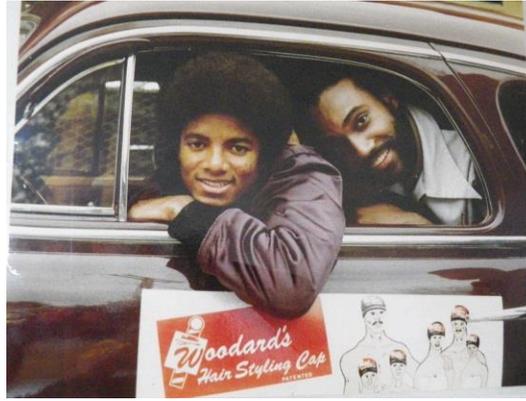


## It's Been Six Years Since The Death of Michael Jackson

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Left photo: David Keith known as "Mickey J", a Michael Jackson impersonator (left) Robert Woodard at the Human Family Day Celebration. Top photo: Michael Jackson (left) and Woodard in Woodard's 1947 Cadillac, when Jackson performed at the Spectrum for his "Off The Wall" Tour.

It's been six years since the death of Michael Jackson and it still seems like the association of death and Michael Jackson just doesn't seem to go together. It's like oil and water. They just don't mix. The news of Michael Jackson's death shocked the entire world on June 25, 2009. What a lonely place the earth has become with the absence of this great Human Being.

Respect for Human Life is always celebrated with a dance. On June 25, 2009, all around the world I remember cultures everywhere mourning the departure of the man who we knew as the "King of Pop". Just think about it. What do you think this energy was that made Michael Jackson so special? Well I know what it was and so does every person on Earth. Now trying to explain what it was, now that becomes the real task. However, if we try to break it down to the lowest common denominator, I would call it love.

The energy of love lives in all Human Beings, but the ability to exercise love for one another in a prejudiced society stunts our growth. Michael Jackson changed his look, because of a sick society that taught if you were white, you are alright and if you are brown you can stick around, but if you're black, you better get back. Even our different religious cultures seem to get in the way. Protestants and Catholics, Jews and Gentiles, Blacks and Whites are all social barriers and walls that we put up to separate ourselves, but the energy of song and dance is so spiritual that when mixed with love, there is no wall of prejudice or discrimination that can't be brought down. Mr. Michael Jackson possessed that ability and everywhere he performed in this world was the living proof.

Michael Jackson was the Pied Piper of love, song, and dance. This combination equals a oneness that can only be described as spirit. When Mr. Michael Jackson performed, you could see the spirit of rhythm dancing its way to the hearts of people who watched his rhythm in the motion of time, remove any cultural barriers of prejudiced thoughts or ways you might have in your mind. The energy of Michael Jackson's song and dance exemplified life and how to live it with an aggressive love for all human beings all over the planet. He has been truly missed, but I thank God that he didn't leave us empty handed, because he left us with the memory of his song and dance. Now it's up to us as one Human Family to use that spirit as an energy force to bring cultures together all over this world.

The peoples' love for Michael Jackson expanded itself to every corner of the planet. Michael's memorable impression on people touches every culture and ethnicity in a very special way. Mr. David Keith known as "Mickey J" is a Michael Jackson impersonator. Mickey J was so impressed with the work of the late great Michael Jackson, that after Michael Jackson's death Mickey J decided to become an impressionist. He also wanted to come to Woodard's Barbershop in Wynnefield to sit in the chair that Michael Jackson sat in and meet the Barber, Robert Woodard, the man who cut Michael's hair. I am the owner and proprietor of Woodard's Barbershop at 5031 West Diamond Street in Philadelphia. We asked Mickey J to perform at our Human Family Day celebration on April 25, 2015. His performance was "Faaaaaantastic!". He is truly one of the best impersonators of Michael Jackson I've ever seen. People were amazed with his performance. He truly brought us back mentally and emotionally to the living action of Michael Jackson. It was almost like seeing the real thing. Go online at [www.BarbershopTalkHFD.org](http://www.BarbershopTalkHFD.org) to see him in action at our Human Family Day event. While visiting the website, be sure to take the "RACE Test" in memory of the late great Michael Jackson, because we are the world and its children. Come join us in celebrating our next Human Family Day coming soon, April 2016 and become a part of the answer in helping our Human Family heal from the prejudice in our ailing society.