



**New Prices Effective May 1, 2010**

# Martin Cleaning Service

**Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Residential & Commercial Services**  
**Minimum Service CHG. \$45.00**  
 A small distance/travel charge may be applied

**CARPET CLEANING**  
 2 Cleaning Areas or more \$30.00 Each Area  
**Pre-Spray Traffic Areas** (Includes: 1 small Hallway)  
**1 Cleaning Area (only)** \$40.00  
 Includes Pre-Spray Traffic Area (Hallway Extra)

**Stairs (12-16 stairs - With Other Services): \$25.00**

**Area/Oriental Rugs:** \$25.00 Minimum  
**Area/Oriental Rugs (Wool):** \$40.00 Minimum

**Heavily Soiled Area:** Additional \$10.00 each area (Requiring Extensive Pre-Spraying)

## UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

Sofa: \$69.00  
 Loveseat: \$49.00  
 Sectional: \$109 - \$139  
 Chair or Recliner: \$25 - \$49  
 Throw Pillows (With Other Services): \$5.00

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Area & Oriental Rug Cleaning
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- Deodorizing & Pet Odor Treatment
- Spot & Stain Removal Service
- Scotchguard Protection
- Minor Water Damage Services

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# OPINION

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## In Memory of James Jordan:

### A black father and son who enjoyed their bond

BY HAKIM HAZIM

Seventeen years ago the nation was appalled and shocked when it learned of the death of icon Michael Jordan's father, James



Jordan. His remains were positively identified on Aug. 13, 1993.

One can't help but remember the

bond that Michael had with his father and the sheer joy in his eyes when he saw the affirmation in his father's proud, steady gaze.

Michael and James were a rarity in the sports world, a black father and son enjoying their bond and seen everywhere together. Many black athletes routinely give shout outs to their mothers and rarely ever speak of their fathers, but this was not the case with MJ and his dad; they were inseparable. James' love for Michael was a refreshing testimony of what a father could instill in a son and how dreams could soar when they were fed.

Separation did take place when a callous act of violence claimed his life. Two minority males were convicted of the crime: Daniel Green who is black and Larry Demery, American Indian, were friends with a history of violence and serious criminal offenses. Criminality set in at an early age with these two young men and they were simply living the life that seemed, to them, an appropriate option.

I have often wondered about, not what is present in the hearts of people who do such things, but rather, what is absent? In their view, James Jordan was just another sucker along the road, easily disposable and of no more value than his belongings. Predatory instincts kicked in at this point and James was easy prey that had slipped off to sleep.

And so James Jordan's life was snuffed out as a single gunshot wound entered through the right side of his chest from a .38-caliber weapon. Like so many other victims of minority on minority crime, his life was cut short. But in his case, his legacy lives on in Michael.

Michael Jordan is an amazing man and his father had a lot to do with that. MJ always credited his father's work ethic as being instrumental in his life: These les-

sons live on and they remain embedded in the life of Michael now, evidenced by three more titles, entrepreneurship, charity, an ownership position with the Charlotte Bobcats, and his ever increasing global icon status. None of this would have likely happened without James' influence.

There is a message in all of this. The message is of fatherhood and mentorship and what people are with it, and what they may become without it.

We often hear of people overcoming great odds in spite of not having fathers, but the reality is this -- most of those people find a father figure or a mentor along the way in the form of a coach, teacher, pastor, neighbor, employer or other types of figures. The flipside of the coin is this, they also will find perverse mentors who are ever-present, and guiding them in decision making processes that ruin their lives and take away from what could be phenomenal legacies filled with all the promise and potential of future leaders.

We need mentors in order to change things; join our MC2U Challenge.

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