

Wendell Ronald Lyons

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, A house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:1

13 If I speak in the tongues[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13

Obituary

Affectionately known as the gentle giant. Aka Mix Master Dellie Dell. Transitioned from this earth on November 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Prisma Health Hospital, Columbia S.C. He was the son of the late Bernard and Rosa (Williams) Lyons of Brooklyn N.Y. Preceding the death of both parents at an early age he was then parented by his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Peter Efferson. Wendell's formal education began at P.S. 113 Harlem New York. He matriculated through New York's Public School System until migrating to Columbia, South Carolina where he resided with the O'Neal family. He attended and graduated (1979) from Eau Claire High School. Upon furthering his education he then enrolled in Benedict College and transferred to Morris College for completion.

He was employed at the Babcock Center in Columbia, SC and S.C. Department of Mental Health where he retired. Wendell had a passion for music at an early age which he continued to pursue throughout his adult life. He became a skilled artist mastering all styles of music. He loved all aspects of the Arts as a true Native of New York City. On July 2, 1994 he married the love of his life and they maintained a loyal friendship. We will always remember the joy and harmony that he tried to create in our lives forever. Selah

Surviving Family: Deborah Williams-sister (Rembert S.C.), Leon (Cynthia) O'Neal-cousin and exemplary Father figure and mentor (Columbia S.C.) Paulease Gray-former spouse (Atlanta G.A.) Adrian Simmons-son (Columbia S.C.), Quins Simmons-son (Atlanta G.A.), Lord Rentas-nephew (Elgin S.C.), C-Kindu Williams-nephew (Rembert S.C.), Princess Rentas-niece (Irmo S.C.), Khoran Geddis-nephew (Columbia S.C.) including a host of cousins, grandchildren, friends, and Shaddy-pet.

Preceding in death: Bernard (Rosa) Lyons-Parents, Vera Simmons- daughter, special Aunt Pauline, Aunt Chris, and uncle Peter.

Acknowledgement

Ephesus Church Family
Pastor Keith Woodard and Elders

J.P. Holley Funeral Home
9010 Farrow Rd, Columbia, SC 29203

Order of Service

J.P. Holley Memorial Chapel

Prelude..... Comforter
Bee Bee & Cee Cee Winans
Processional..... Immediate family
Welcome and Opening Prayer..... Elder from Ephesus Church
Scriptural Reading
Old Testament..... Matthew 5:3-11
New Testament..... 1 Corinthians 13
Reflections..... Friends & Family (limit 2-minutes)
Obituary Reading..... Director - J.P. Holley
Song Selection..... Hard to Say Good-bye
O'Neal Singers
Eulogy..... Pastor Keith Woodard
Song Selection..... Jesus Keeps me near the Cross
Prayer & Benediction..... Elder from Ephesus Church
Recessional

Honorary Pallbearers

Khoran Geddis, Patrick O'Neal, Isser Patterson, Lord Rentas,
Adrian Simmons, Quins Simmons, C-Kindu Williams

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Road. Paramus N.J. 07652

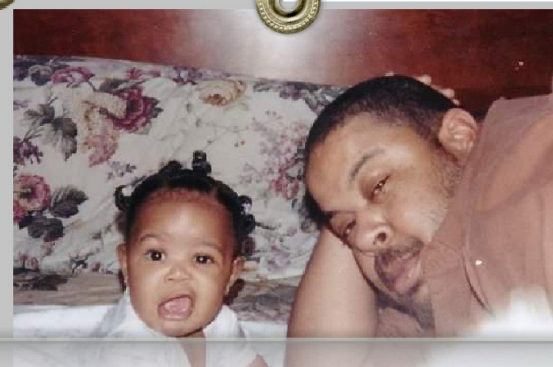
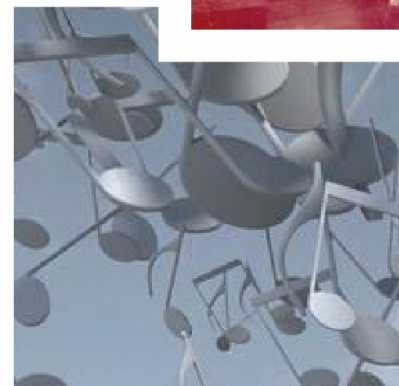
Sunrise Sunset
01/28/1963 - 11/20/2021



Poem

THE BROKEN CHAIN

We didn't know on last Saturday evening that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link together again!



Memories with family and friends