



*Casket Bearers*

Newberry High School Football/Basketball Teams

*Floral Bearers*

Newberry High School Cheerleaders

*Everyone's Friend*

Gone is the face we loved so dear,  
 Silent the voice we loved to hear;  
 Too far away for sight or speech,  
 But not too far for thought to reach.  
 Sweet to remember her who once was here,  
 And who though absent is just as dear.  
 Always so true, unselfish and kind;  
 Few in their word her equal you'll find.  
 A beautiful life has come to an end.  
 He died as she lived – everyone's friend.

*Expressions of Appreciation*

We, the family of the late Davonta Tykeyvious Ruff, extend our deepest gratitude for all of the comforting gestures of love and sympathy rendered during this sorrowful hour. May God continue to shower you with His blessings and love.

—The Family



*Services Entrusted To:*

**F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME**  
 601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina  
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*Homegoing Services*

*Celebrating the Life*

*of*

*Mr. Davonta Tykeyvious Ruff*

*"Dee" / "Dog Bone"*



Saturday, April 6, 2019  
 2:00 P.M.

*Newberry High School Gymnasium*  
 Newberry, South Carolina

Pastor Jonathan Bell, Sr., Officiating  
 Elder Derrick Hollins, Sr., Presiding

## Obituary

Davonta Tykeyvious Ruff, also known as “Dee” and “Dog Bone,” received his wings to join Heaven’s starting lineup on April 2, 2019, at Prisma Health Richland Hospital. He was born on November 27, 2001 to Kimberly Ruff Davenport (Jamie) and Donald McDaniel. He was a member of St. Peter Community Church of Blair, South Carolina.

Dee was a student at Newberry High School where he was a member of the varsity basketball and football teams. He also played AAU basketball with Lake Murray Flight and Carolina Crush.

Left to cherish his life and loving memories are his mother, Kimberly R. Davenport (Jamie); father, Donald McDaniel; sisters, Shambreka Ruff (Tyvaris Glymph) of Newberry, SC, Kiara McDaniel of Spartanburg, SC, Tilisha Gallman of Winnsboro, SC, and Mya Johnson McDaniel of Columbia, SC; brothers, Ivan Ruff, Tony Mason and Deuntrey Gallman of Newberry, SC, and Jamison Davenport of Columbia, SC; maternal grandparents, Valerie Ruff of Winnsboro, SC, and Clarence Ruff of Pomaria, SC; paternal grandparents, Patricia Thompson (Melvin); great-grandparents, Nancy Crumpton of Winnsboro, SC, and Mattie Farrow of Pomaria, SC; two uncles, Clarence C. Ruff of Newberry, SC, and Clyde Cooper of Jenkinsville, SC; aunts, Naomi Billie (Rev. Rembert), Linda Thompson (Wayne), Jessie McDaniel and Alberta McDaniel all of Winnsboro, SC; nephew, Ky’Rie Glymph of Newberry, SC; a host of great-aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

## If Tomorrow Never Comes

If I knew it would be the last time  
that I’d see you fall asleep,  
I would tuck you in more tightly,  
and pray the Lord your soul to keep.  
If I knew it would be the last time  
that I’d see you walk out the door  
I would give you a hug and kiss,  
and call you back for just one more.  
If I knew it would be the last time  
I’d hear your voice  
lifted up in praise,  
I would tape each word and action,  
and play them back throughout my days.  
If I knew it would be the last time I would spare an  
extra minute or two, To stop and say “I love you,”  
instead of assuming you know I do.  
So just in case tomorrow never comes,  
and today is all I get,  
I’d like to say how much I love you,  
and I hope we never will forget.  
Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,  
young or old alike,  
And today may be the last chance  
you get to hold your loved one tight.  
So if you’re waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?  
For if tomorrow never comes,  
you’ll surely regret the day.  
That you didn’t take that extra time for a smile,  
a hug, or a kiss,  
And you were too busy to grant someone,  
what turned out to be their one last wish.  
So hold your loved ones close today,  
and whisper in their ear,  
That you love them very much,  
and you’ll always hold them dear.  
Take time to say “I’m sorry,” “please forgive me,”  
“thank you” or “it’s okay”.  
And if tomorrow never comes,  
you’ll have no regrets about today.

## Order of Service Elder Derrick Hollins, Sr., Presiding

The Prelude .....New Vision Ministries  
The Processional ..... Clergy and Family  
Final Viewing ..... Family and Friends  
Selection .....New Vision Ministries  
The Scripture Readings  
Old Testament ..... Elder Cecelia Hollins  
New Testament ..... Rev. Rembert Billie  
Prayer ..... Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims  
Selection .....New Vision Ministries  
The Reflections..... Joshua RayKale Davis  
Bruce  
Coach Brian Redd  
Coach Strickland  
Rev. Jacqueline R. Sims  
Selection .....New Vision Ministries  
Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Jonathan Bell, Sr.  
Recessional  
Committal and Benediction ..... Graveside  
Interment..... St. Peter Community Church  
4783 Clark Bridge  
Blair, South Carolina