

*In Loving Memory of a Very Special Husband*



When God was making husbands as far as I can see, He made a special soulmate especially for me, He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate, and kind, with more love and affection than you could ever wish to find. He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold, He gave me wonderful memories only my heart can hold, He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace, He was someone I could laugh with till tears ran down my face, Next time we meet will be at heavens door, When I see you standing there I won't cry anymore, I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face, Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.

*We'll Always Love You, Dad!*

Each day you strive to live,  
Your body too weak to be.  
Your love will live forever,  
Since your heart has set you free.

Now you walk so bravely,  
You feel the pain no more.  
Angel's have come to guide you  
And bring you to Heaven's door.

Memories we'll hold so dearly,  
Your smile, warmed our hearts.  
And through our lives you'll live,  
You've touched so many parts.

Hard days may be before us,  
It's all apart of God's plan.  
Why you left so soon,  
We may never understand.

You'll be alone no longer,  
And you'd tell us, "Don't be sad".  
Please believe, you were no burden  
We'll always love you, Dad!

Our lives have changed forever,  
Since the day you passed away.  
In Heaven you'll be waiting  
To meet us again someday

*~Jasmine, April & Alexis*

A beautiful memory clearer than gold of uncles whose worth can never be told. There's a place in my heart no one can fill. I miss you uncle and always will.

*~With much love, your nieces and nephews*



*Pallbearers*

Reginald Bell	Chris Hughes
Edward Braggs	Woodrow Washington
Sylvester Campbell	John Williams

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Andrew Croom	Ivan Hughes
Chris Croom	Ken Jones
Winfred Croom	Brian Lawrence
Fred Davis	Antonio Lowe
Douglas Harris, Jr.	Rev. Roderick Thompson
Brock Williams	

*Flower Bearers*

Family & Friends

*Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Cedric "Ben" Croom is truly grateful and appreciative to everyone who took the time out to call, visit us during our time of bereavement. Thanks for your thoughtful and encouraging words and prayers. All will be remembered. May God bless you and keep you.

*~The Croom Family*

*Interment*

Little Sandy Cemetery

*Repast*

McKinstry Banquet Hall  
5480 Jug Factory Road | Tuscaloosa 35405

*Final Arrangements Entrusted to:*

**Rainey**

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*A Celebration of Life for*  
*Cedric Louis Croom*  
*"Ben"*

Kick-Off  
March 16, 1966

Final Score  
March 3, 2018



*Saturday, March 10, 2018 | 11am*  
*Zion Hope Baptist Church*  
*13386 Hwy 69 S, Tuscaloosa, AL*  
*Pastor John Samuel, Officiating*



## His Life

Cedric Louis Croom aka “Ben” and affectionately known by his daughters as “Papa Bear” was born on March 16, 1966 to Mr. Doug and Edna Croom. Croom accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior as a child and joined Zion Hope Baptist Church and remained a member until the Lord called him home on March 3, 2018.

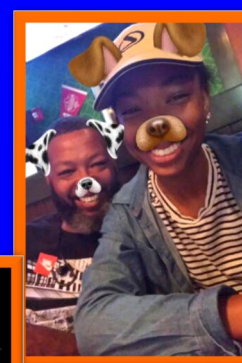
Cedric was a 1984 graduate of Hillcrest High School. He was employed at Hanna Steel and later became employed at Jim Walters Coal Mine where he always had a smile and a joke for everyone.

Cedric was preceded in death by his loving grandparents Charlie and Lucy Russell. Left with memories in their hearts is his devoted wife Michelle Croom; three beautiful daughters; Jasmine Hamner, April Nelson-Croom, and Alexis Croom, all of Tuscaloosa, AL; one granddaughter, Naomi Harris, of Tuscaloosa, AL; his mother, Edna Croom of Tuscaloosa, AL; two brothers, Andrew (Gloria) Croom and Winfred Croom, both of Tuscaloosa, AL; two sisters LaTonya Croom, of South Carolina and Carolyn (Doug) Harris of Tuscaloosa, AL and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and many, many friends.

Cedric/Ben was a comedian and a proud Florida Gators fan. He was a professional handy man that specialized in hanging televisions. He brought a smile to everyone he met.



## His Legacy



## Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection                      Zion Hope Baptist Church Choir

Prayer                                      Rev. Wilbert Russell

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Rev. Douglas Harris

New Testament - Evang. Aretha Witherspoon

Solo                                      Min. LaCourtney Crispin

Acknowledgement              Rainey Mortuary Service

Solo                                      Min. LaCourtney Crispin

Eulogy                                      Rev. John Samuel

Recessional                      Zion Hope Baptist Church Choir



Dear Ben,

We love you and miss seeing your smiling face and all the noise you made. Would love to hear your wild sounds again.

~Your Siblings, Andrew, Winfred, LaTonya, and Cal