

## Order of Service

Reverend Troy A. Moore, Presiding

Prelude-----

Processional----- Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection ----- Bethlehem Baptist Church Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament -----

New Testament-----

Prayer ----- Reverend Barzelle Manning

Solo ----- Ms. Martina Hughes

Reflections ----- Winnsboro High Class of 1985

Mr. Edward Gray, IV

Elder William L. Winston

President, South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist

Poem----- Mrs. Joy Dawkins-Parris

Solo ----- Ms. Sandra Starks

Words of Comfort ----- Reverend Karen Belton, Pastor

Victory International Ministries

Lugoff, SC

Recessional ----- Funeral Directors

### Committal Rites

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery  
Ridgeway, SC

### Floral Bearers

Winnsboro High Class of 1985

### Pall Bearers

Winnsboro High Class of 1985

### Honorary Pall Bearers

Mr. Scott Young

Mr. Gerald Simpson

Mr. Warren Davis

Mr. George Ashford, Jr.

### Acknowledgements

The family of the late Christopher Dawkins acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting visits, special meals, floral tributes, and overwhelming expressions of love and kindness during this time of bereavement. We are truly thankful and this is exactly the type of love Chris showed.

### His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away  
His journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
In the hearts of those he touched.....  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And he was loved so much.  
Chris we LOVE you much!

Family



Nelson's Funeral Home

270 N. Dogwood Ave.

Ridgeway, SC 29130

803-337-4500

www.nelsonsofridgeway.com

# A Celebration of Life



**Mr. Christopher P. Dawkins**

May 27, 1967 – April 28, 2018

Friday, May 4, 2018, 1:00 P.M.

Bethlehem Baptist Church

330 W. Third Street

Ridgeway, SC 29130

Reverend Troy Allen Moore, Pastor

*Memories*



*A Life of Remembrance*

**Christopher Pernel Dawkins**, affectionately called “**Big Dawg**,” “**The Mayor**” and **Chris** was born May 27, 1967 in Winnsboro, SC to Jasper and Barbaree Belton Dawkins at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. He entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 50.

**Chris** was educated in the public schools of Fairfield County and graduated from Winnsboro High (WHS) in 1985. While a student at WHS, he was a bus driver and was selected to drive the bus for the special needs students. He also participated in the marching, concert and PEP bands, where he played the tuba. He also followed in his father’s footsteps by taking classes in brick masonry at the Fairfield County Vocational School.

**Chris** attended Bethlehem Baptist Church as a youth with his mother and grandparents. His mother made many sacrifices to make sure that Chris had everything that he needed. After graduation, he moved to Orangeburg, South Carolina to assist his father with the management and oversight of the Seventh-Day Adventist Campground. He became a member of Seventh-Day Adventist Church. While living in Orangeburg, Chris furthered his education graduating from Midlands Technical College as a Certified Security Officer and he also worked at Orangeburg Regional Medical Center as a Certified Nursing Assistant. With much encouragement from his Cousin Mary Starks (“Aunt Polly”), Chris returned to his home church where he enjoyed Bible Study and traveling to various churches during revival season.

Upon his return to Columbia, South Carolina to start a new career with the Famous Cromer’s P-Nuts, Chris used his charismatic dimpled smile and persuasive personality to provide exceptional customer service to the many customers of Cromer’s. Many customers would visit daily, just to have conversations with Chris and Warren “Cool.” He was quickly promoted to lead delivery driver and had the opportunity to deliver all over the state meeting people and making them laugh. He left Cromer’s to start a masonry business with his uncle Dave and his dad JD. Brick masonry has always been his passion; he worked with many well-known brick masons all over the state. Whenever the weather wasn’t favorable for laying bricks, you could find Chris cutting hair at Jimmy Kennedy’s Barber Shop on Farrow Road, Columbia, SC or on Weevie’s front porch for his special customers. Chris had many talents, but his gift of gab and being a jokester was his ultimate gift to ALL.

Whatever the occasion, Chris was definitely the life of the event. He never met a stranger and made lifelong friends wherever he went. He loved to talk sweet talk to the ladies. His motto was “Everybody needs Love”. Chris loved everybody, and everybody loved Chis. Nobody can say “Hey there, Darling” like Chris and JD. He loved to fish, golf, ride or drive anything with wheels. He loved his family, CJ and Justin (“My Boys”) and his extended family. Chris also loved his classmates and they loved him so much that 33 years later they were still hanging strong, especially his four best friends who tried often to imitate his lines. That’s probably why they have been friends so long, just to keep using each other’s lines.... Scott, Gerald, Cool and George Lee.....What a Crew!! Our hearts are crushed, because another Jewel has been picked from our family garden, way too soon but we know that God has a plan for all of us. Please keep the faith and our eyes on God.....Until we meet again.....We Love you Chris.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rachell Parker-Dawkins; mother, Barbaree Belton Dawkins (Willie); father, Jasper Dawkins (Frankyann); sons, Christopher (“CJ”) Jr, and Justin Dawkins; sisters, Ashley Peay and Joy R. Dawkins-Parris (Daryl); two nephews that he held close to his heart, LaBrent Peay and Antario James and a very special cousin and prayer partner, Mary Starks (Aunt Polly) and a host of aunts, uncles, family and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, A.V. and Naomi Belton; paternal grandparents, Edward and Dorothy Dawkins, his uncle and partner in crime, Floyd “Boolie” Belton and favorite cousin, Donald “Juice” Prioleau, Jr.

**BROTHER**

A tribute from Ashley and Joy  
You gave no one a last farewell,  
Nor ever said good-bye.  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
A million times we will miss you.  
A million times we will cry.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life we loved you dearly.  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place,  
No one else can fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn’t go alone,  
For part of us went with you.  
The day God took you home.  
We will meet again someday  
I know in a better place.  
I thank God He made you our **BROTHER**  
While you were here on earth.