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"THE LAST REQUEST"

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say that I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but say I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less. Please don't give me wings or halos; that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due!! Please don't give me flowers or talk in hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I've made it home.

Don't talk about my illness, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family needs, especially the little ones. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong so use all your paint. Not just the bright tones and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart. Don't just remember the good times, but also remember the bad, for life is full of many things, some happy and some sad.. But if you must do something, then I have one request; forgive me for the wrong I've done, and with the love that's left...Thank God for my soul's resting. Thank God, for I've been blessed.

Thank God for all who love me.

Praise God who loves me best!

THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

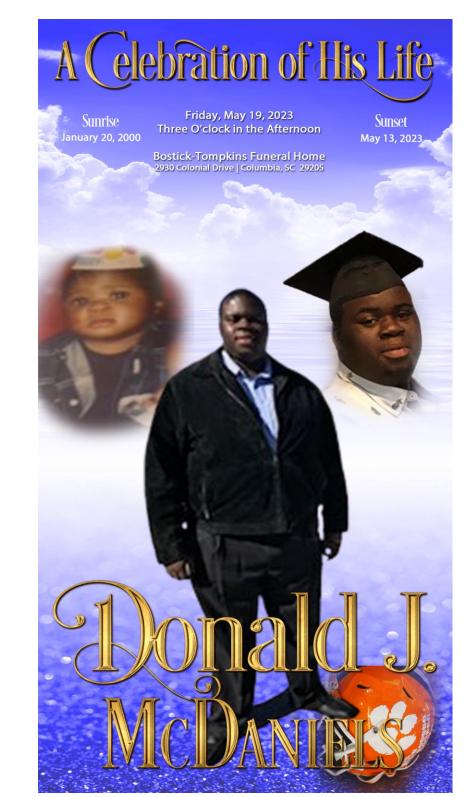
We the family of **Donald Jari McDaniels**, wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for the thoughtfulness and concern shown to us during our bereavement. Your prayers, visits, cards, calls, and every act of kindness have been comforting. May God bless each of you! We extend our thanks and gratitude to all the staff and medical team at MUSC,

Health University Medical Center, Charleston, South Carolina. Jari left an indelible imprint within all our hearts and we're grateful for the love of family unity. Family is Everything!

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REFLECTIONS OF HIS LIFE

Donald Jari McDaniels, a child of God who was loved by all he encountered, entered eternal life in the early morning hours of May 13, 2023, at MUSC Health University Medical Center, Charleston, South Carolina. The beloved son of the late Donna A. McDaniels and Samuel Hartwell, II. He had a village of loved ones that poured into him, and he had a special place in the hearts of many especially his Aunt Swazette McDaniels who helped reared him when his mom died when he was eighteen months old. His stepmother, Dr. Mamie Hayes Hartwell who loved him as her own and played an integral role in rearing him. His surrogate father, James Miller, his daughters, and all the Miller family; his Godmothers Tonya Speaks, Sherrell White, and Kim Thomas; Ms. Mary White who was like a grandmother to him; his best friends Mr. Torri White and Mr. Justin Johnson, Jr.; and his girlfriend, Ms. Kayla Johnson all loved and adored him. Jari accepted Christ in his youth at First Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina and in recent months he was attending Progressive Believers Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, where he was embraced by Pastor Gregory B. Cunningham and his wife Lizzie Cunningham.

Jari was educated in the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina and graduated from Westwood High School, Blythewood, South Carolina in 2019. He had an affinity for fishing, construction, horticulture, but most especially maintenance and auto-body repair. He could take an engine out of a car, rebuild it, and replace it seamlessly. He was accepted into the NASCAR Technical Institute, Mooresville, North Carolina; however, decided to delay his enrollment. He was recently employed at Koyo Bearings North America, Blythewood, S.C.

In his former years he was a proud member of the Knights of Pythagoras, Pathway to Light Council #4 - a mentoring group for young men to aid in growth and development, which is affiliated through the Prince Hall Masonic Family, College Lodge #378, Columbia, South Carolina. Jari had a sweet, kind spirit, and loved anything Clemson Tigers related, outdoor activities from lawn care, fishing, cutting wood, and especially working on motorcycles, trucks, and cars.

He was a young man that was very well mannered and a delight to all. His heart was big as gold, and some called him a "Gentle Giant" and "Biggie." He was preceded in death by his mother, father, maternal and paternal grandparents. Although his life was short, we have contentment knowing that he is sleeping with the Angels and reunited with those gone before him.

He leaves to cherish fond memories his devoted, aunt, Swazette McDaniels; his loving stepmother, Dr. Mamie Hayes Hartwell; surrogate father, Mr. James Miller; and his daughters, Adelie Thomas, Katara Penny and the Miller Family; his uncle, Terry McDaniels; aunts, Tiffany (Anthony) Conelly, Dr. Julie Anna Hartwell, Dr. Marquita Daniels, Ms. LaTisha Swinton, all of Columbia, SC, Ms. Erica Johnson, Concord, NC; uncle, David Hartwell, Rochester, NY; godmothers, Tonya Speaks, and Sherrell White and the entire White family both of Columbia, SC; Kim Thomas, Columbia SC; a cousin, Norman Butler of Columbia SC; a host of special aunties, uncles, and other loving relatives, extended family, and friends, who will miss his daily presence in their lives.





ORDER OF SERVICE

MINISTER HARRIET E. GARDENER, PRESIDING

PreludeMr. Kenneth Perkins, Cousin Progressive Believers Baptist Church
ProcessionalMrs. Carrie Bouknight, Niece City of Hope, Columbia, SC
Prayer of ComfortMinister Harriet E. Gardener Progressive Believers Baptist Church
Song of ComfortMinister Rosalyn Glenn, The Brook
Scripture ReadingsAinister Sandra McRant Associate Minister, First Nazareth Baptist Church
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-10
Song of ComfortMr. Roland Cousins, Cousin
Kindly Reflections (limit to 3 minutes)
Family Tribute
RemarksMr. Levi Pruitt, Cousin
Mrs. Maxcine Bowman, Aunt
Mr. Norman Butler, Cousin
Song of ComfortMrs. Carrie Bouknight, Cousin City of Hope, Columbia, SC
Words of ComfortReverend Gregory Cunningham Pastor, Progressive Believers Baptist Church
Closing SongMr. Herman McCaskell Family Friend

Acknowledgements......Minister Harriet E. Gardener Progressive Believers Baptist Church

Services of Commendation (Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction)

Recessional