

Pallbearers
Teachers of Decatur City Schools
Friends and Family

Floral Attendants
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Interment
Decatur City Cemetery



Acknowledgment

It is a blessing, that our friends, relatives and fellow Christians can make us feel so strong and so loved, at such a time as this. All of us who are a part of the family of Rodney James Randell have been deeply blessed by your many thoughtful expressions and the evidence of your love and respect, represent a part of the legacy of his life. Thank you and may God return to you in full measure the comfort, care and love which you have given us.

-The Family-



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CELEBRATING the *Life* of



Mr. Rodney James Randell

October 21, 1968 ~ September 19, 2021 ~ 1:30 PM

Graveside Service

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Decatur City Cemetery

1001 Wilson Street, NW
Decatur, Alabama 35601

The Reverend Kelvin Jones, *Officiant*

SON, GRANDSON, TEACHER, PREACHER, FRIEND

Rodney James Randell was born on October 21, 1968 to Willie Mae Randell and Calvin Wilson in Morgan County, Alabama. He departed this life on September 19, 2021 in Decatur, Alabama.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Calhoun Community College, Athens State University, attended the UAB Graduate School of Education and Studied theology at the North Carolina College of Theology.

He taught at Decatur City Schools for 22 years. He spent most of his tenure with Decatur City Schools as a Math Teacher at Brookhaven Middle School. When the school disbursed in 2018, he went to Decatur Middle School as a Math Intervention Teacher. He loved working for Decatur City Schools and was a strong advocate for teachers and students. He was President of the Decatur Education Association for 12 years.

He was one of the first to sign on to the SSUT Lawsuit on behalf of the Decatur Education. This was a pivotal court case and having won the suit, the collection Morgan County online sales tax now brings in additional funding to Decatur City Schools, Hartselle City Schools and Morgan County Schools. A member of the Morgan County Democratic Executive Committee.

At the age of nine he confessed his hope in Christ and was baptized in the Tennessee River. He was the Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Somerville, AL. Prior to that, he ministered in music at the Progressive Christian Outreach Ministry.

He was an avid Alabama Football Fan and never missed watching a game. He was a dedicated son and grandson and took care of his mother and grandmother faithfully.

He never met a stranger and was always willing to listen and to encourage. He never met a stranger and to know him was to love him. He was always there for those who needed him and was always willing to help out someone in need. He cared for and showed a deep level of commitment to and concern for the well-being of his students emotionally, physically and academically. He made a difference in the lives of everyone he touched.

He is survived by: **his mother**, Willie Mae Randell of Decatur; **his father**, Calvin (Dr. Valerie) Wilson of Fayetteville, NC; **his grandmother**, Geneva Randell of Decatur; **siblings**, Felicia Bradford of Decatur, Tiffany Berry of Prince Frederick, MD, Cavennia Callaway of Petersburg, VA; **aunts and uncles**, Bobbie J. Bradley of Decatur, Anita Reed of Atlanta, GA, Maggie Mason of Ardmore, TN, Willie Polk of Atlanta, GA, Murcell Rasheed of Oakland, CA and Sammie Wilson, Jr. of Albertville, AL; **a host of, cousins, other relatives and many friends.**

Order of Celebration

Family Gathering

Prayer – The Reverend Michael Jones

Scripture – The Reverend Mitchell Cowley

Apostle Arthur Warrior

Selection – “*Just Another Day*” - Linda Raybon

Tribute – Wendy Lane, Stella Lane, Amos Burton, Alphonso Burton

Eulogy – The Reverend Kelvin Jones

Committal/Closing Prayer ~ The Reverend George Allen, Jr.



On his Facebook page, he posted a bible verse on August 30:

1 John 5:12- “*He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life*”.
Rodney Randell not only had the Son, but he is now healthy and healed and with the Son of God in heaven above where he has everlasting life.

If we have the Son of God, we will see him again face to face.