

FLORAL BEARERS

Friends and Family

PALL BEARERS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much,
Whatever the part.*

Dear Son In Heaven

*I sit here and ponder how very much
I'd like to talk with you today.*



*There are so many things,
That we didn't get to say.
I know how much you care for me,
And how much I care for you.
And each time that I think of you,
I know you'll miss me too.*

*An angel came and took you by the hand, and said,
Your place was ready in Heaven, far above...
And you had to leave behind, all those you dearly loved.
You had so much to live for, you had so much to do...
It still seems impossible that God was taking you,
And though your life on earth is past,
In Heaven it starts anew,
You'll live for all eternity, just as God has promised you.
And though you've walked through Heaven's gate,
We are never far apart.
For every time I think of you,
You're right here, deep with-in my heart.*



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A Celebration of Life And Love

For
Mr. Shantez Hyshon-Ratee Alford



Sunrise
October
29,
1996

Sunset
May
11,
2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 2:00 PM

BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

439 Stewartsville Road • Laurinburg, NC

Pastor Garland Pierce
OFFICIATING

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING.....*Pastor Michael Leak*
PROCESSIONAL.....*Clergy and Family*
SELECTION *Choir*
SCRIPTURES READING
Old Testament.....*Dr. Samuel Norman*
New Testament *Pastor John W. Hollis*
PRAYER OF COMFORT *Elder Angelo Bratcher*
SELECTION *Choir*
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS *Evangelist Maria Bratcher*
OBITUARY.....*Read Silently*
SELECTION *Choir*
REFLECTIONS/REMARKS.....*2 minutes or less*
SOLO *Evangelist Theodocia Richardson*
EULOGY *Reverend Garland Pierce*
RECESSIONAL.....*Clergy, Family and Friends*

The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still.
~ Exodus 14: 14 ~



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THE OBITUARY

Let not your heart be troubled; Ye believe in God believe also in me.
~ Saint John 14: 1

Mr. Shantez Hyshon-Ratee Alford was born on October 29, 1996 to John Alford, III and Sidra Gillis in Fayetteville, NC. God called him home on May 11, 2018.

Shantez was educated in the Wake County Public Schools Systems before moving to Ellenwood, GA. He was a 2016 graduate of Stockbridge High School.

Shantez was a leader amongst his peers. He was always ready to put a smile on your face and lend a listening ear. He had a drive to succeed and he wanted to see everyone succeed around him. He was passionate about music and fashion. He was a member of the Scrap Boyz music group since the age of 10. He started his own clothing line, Lavish Living at the age of 16.

Shantez was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Steven Harris.

Shantez loved his family. He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving parents, John Alford, III of Decatur, GA, Sidra and Paul Gillis of Raleigh, NC; six brothers, Darontang Williams, Raejon Alford and Jaheem Alford all of Decatur, GA, Onijea Leach of Fayetteville, NC, Jamel Gillis of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Kareem Woodard of Washington, DC; two nieces, Zoei Williams of Raleigh, NC and Cali Alford of Gwinnett, GA; maternal grandparents, Cassandra and Frankie Townsend of Red Springs, NC; paternal grandparents, Beatrice Robert, and John and Sandra Alford all of Laurinburg, NC; great grandmother, Virginia Graham of Shannon, NC;

three uncles, Ranasha Graham of Charlotte, NC, Brandon Alford and Lee (CiJi) Mack of Laurinburg, NC; five aunts, Lisa Alford-Dunn of Augusta, GA, Nikeaira (Jonathan) McEachin of Raeford, NC, Amber (Derrick) Watkins of Rockingham, NC, Jessica Howell of Fayetteville, NC and Sha'Keyla Townsend of Charlotte, NC; his girl friend, Raveon Brown of Stockbridge, GA; a host of other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

*You went away so suddenly,
We did not say goodbye.
But brothers can never be parted,
Precious memories never die.*

Love ~ Your Brothers

