



**TO THOSE I LOVE
AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME**

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
Be thankful for our beautiful years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on.
So grieve a while if you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say Welcome Home.



Acknowledgement

The family of Gerald Antoine Rhoden would like to thank each of you for the prayers and acts of kindness shown during this difficult time. May God continue to bless each of you.

Pallbearers

Donald Veal	Doran Rose
Anthony Gordon	Gerrad Echols
William McNeal, Sr.	William McNeal, Jr.
Edward Charles Smith	Adam Smith
Anthony Turner II	Andrew Turner

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Gerald
ANTOINE RHODEN

Sunrise MAY 16, 1962 *Sunset* FEBRUARY 17, 2021

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021, 10:00 A.M.
Viewing/Walk Through 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

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LIFE REFLECTIONS OF

Gerald Rhoden

GERALD ANTOINE RHODEN was born May 16, 1962 to Bernice Smith and Edward Rhoden. His father preceded him in death.

Gerald learned about community service at the age of twelve, working at the neighborhood convenience store selling fruits and vegetables.

Gerald accepted Jesus Christ at an early age as a member of New Jerusalem M.B. Church # 2.

Gerald was educated in the Normandy School District and was chosen to deliver the class speech at the Normandy Jr. High School graduation. While attending Hazelwood East High School, **Gerald** was an honor student and an exceptional football and baseball player. He received a four-year Athletic Scholarship to Baker University in Ballwin City, Kansas and after completing two years, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Gerald was the proud father of his only child Nikkia Rhoden (Harris).

This chapter in **Gerald's** life came to close on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. He leaves to cherish his memories his mother, Bernice Smith Silas; daughter, Nikkia Rhoden Harris (Dejuan); two grandchildren, Lauryn Taylor and Dylan Cunningham; two brothers, Donald Veal (Connie), Doran Rose; two sisters, Dr. Pamela Kemp, Kim S. McNeal (William); four aunts, Lula Mae Gordon, Dorothy Smith Turner, Sharon Nichols, Mary Calvin; uncle, Edward Charles Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. His cousin, Darwin, was also his best friend.

Order of Service

Prelude

Prayer

PASTOR CEDRIC PORTIS, SR.
Third Presbyterian Church

Scripture

ELDER LISA KING

Solo

NECOLE SMITH WARD

Reading/Condolence

ELDER LISA KING

Life Reflections (*Read silently*)

Family Remarks

EDWARD CHARLES SMITH

Solo

VALERIE PHILLIPS

Eulogy

EVANGELIST DR. PAMELA KEMP

Parting View

Recessional

Interment
JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY
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