

### Pallbearers

Byron Blair

Stefhan Harris Jr.

Bryan Still

Shawn Still

Chase Crump

Darius Jones

Askiya S. Robertson

Lavert "Vert" Randle

### Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

### Acknowledgement

With open hearts we the family of DeMarco Montez Rutledge extend our sincere thanks for the many expressions of love, sympathy, words of kindness, flowers, and most of all your prayers during our time of bereavement. God's bountiful blessings to each of you. Our prayer is for God's great sustaining power to be with us in the years come.

*The family of DeMarco Rutledge*



### Arrangement Entrusted

#### **Thomas Funeral Home**

4520 Salem Avenue

Dayton, Ohio 45416

### Interment

#### **West Memory Gardens**

6722 Hemple Road

Moraine, Ohio 45439



*In Loving Memory Of*

## ***DeMarco Montez Rutledge Aka "Mookie"***



*Sunrise  
November 30, 1992*

*Sunset  
February 13, 2021*

### ***Funeral Service***

*Friday, February 19, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.*

### ***Gateway Cathedral***

*5501 Olive Road  
Dayton, Ohio 45426*

***Elder Norman Scarce, Officiating***







### OBITUARY

**DeMarco Montez Rutledge**, affectionately called “Mookie” was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 13, 2021. He was born on November 30<sup>th</sup> 1992 to Angela Marie McKnight and Arlondo Rutledge in Dayton, Ohio.

Mookie graduated from Dunbar High School in Dayton, Ohio where he played both varsity football and track. In 2010 and 2011 he was Ohio Indoor State runner up in the Triple Jump. Upon graduation, Mookie spent 1 year at Youngstown State University studying Civil Engineering/Construction. He returned to Dayton, where he got a job with Ferguson Construction Company as a journeyman. He worked with this company over 5 years working in several capacities to include masonry, apprentice and general contractor. He loved working with Ferguson and he loved working with his hands doing masonry and construction work. In 2020, due to Covid-19, the company had to downsize and he was let go.

Mookie confessed Jesus Christ at an early age and was Baptized at Collegiate Heights Church of Christ and continued believing and trusting God. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He especially enjoyed spending time playing and teaching his boys how to play basketball, football, fishing and riding their bikes. Mookie was also a big fan of the Pittsburg Steelers; he never missed a game.

Mookie was engaged to Anastasha Farmer, whom he dated for over 12 years. They are the proud parents of DeMarco Montez Rutledge Jr. and Ahmad Monte Rutledge. He was a devoted father to his two sons; they were his heartbeat.

DeMarco “Mookie” was preceded in death by his maternal Grandparents’ Floyd Eugene McKnight and Rebecca Rosemary (Early) Barnes and Paternal Grandfather Johnny Hart. He leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted and loving mother, Angela McKnight and Father Arlondo Rutledge, finance’ Anastasha Farmer, two sons DeMarco and Ahmad Rutledge; siblings: Dymond McKnight, Royce Trammell Jr., and Ayanna Rutledge. Paternal Grandmother, Wanda Hart, and Grandfather William Rutledge, several aunts and uncles: Rev. Dr. Camille Still, Bert Donald Lyles, Jr, “special auntie,” Sonya McKnight, Stanley McKnight, Monica McKnight, Tina Porter, Ronald Rutledge, Matthias Rutledge, Jason, Jonathan and Terry Hart, Gregory Hines, Charles Murphy, and Michael Lyles. Special cousins: Shawn Woodard, Stephan Harris Jr., Shawn & Bryan Still, and Byron Blair, Shante’ Mallory, Shauntel McKnight-Evans. Best Friends: Chase Crump, Darius Jones, Askiya S. Robertson, and Lavert “Vert” Randle, and a host of other family members and friends.



### ORDER OF SERVICE



- Musical Prelude ..... Family and Friends
- Scripture Reading (Psalms 23).....Reverend Dawn Martin
- Scripture Reading (John 11:25-26)..... Bryan Still
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor Joshua D. Ward
- Selection..... Sis. Johnnie Smith Jackson
- Poem .....Christina Leonard
- Obituary Reading ..... Reverend Carrlo O. Heard
- Remarks (2 minutes Please) ..... Reverend Dr. Camille Still  
Bryan Still  
Alfred “Coach Powell
- Solo Selection .....Sis. Johnnie Smith Jackson
- Eulogy.....Elder Norman Scarce
- Recessional.....Ministers, Family, & Friends



*A repast for the family will be served immediately following the interment at Gateway Cathedral.*





A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF  
DeMarco Montez Rutledge

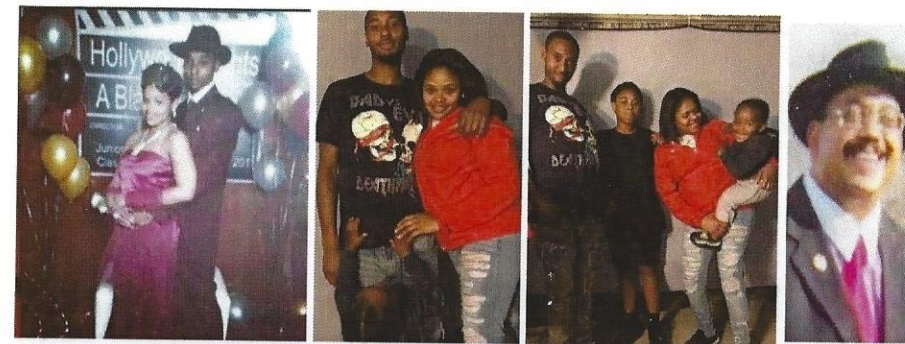


“Mookie”



*Time is free but it's priceless! You can't own it, but you can use, you can't keep it, but you can spend it! Once you've lost it, you can never get it back. The goal isn't more money. The goal is living life on your own terms #investment!*

*(Words from Mookie he lived by)*



Poem

*Just a Memory Away*

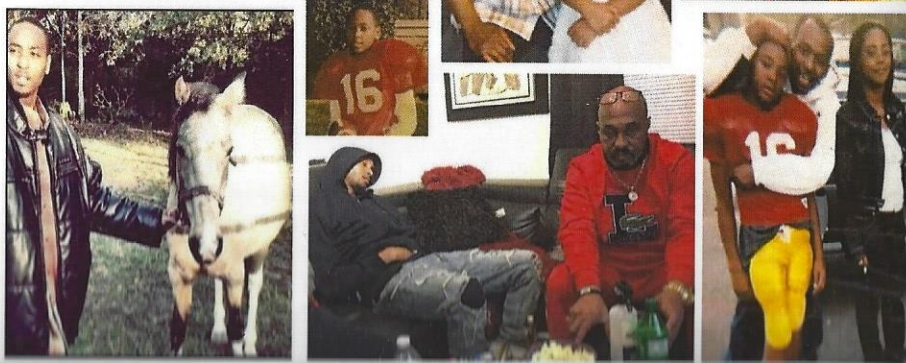
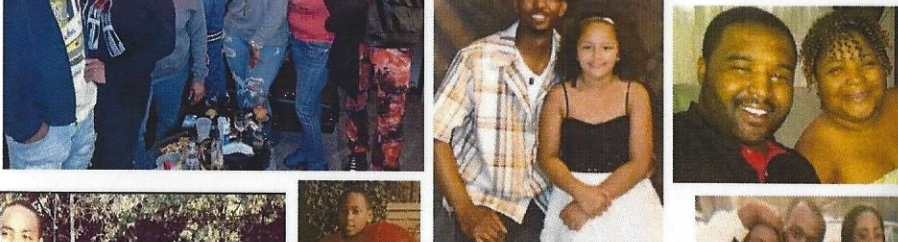
*I'm no longer by your side, but there's no need to weep; I've left sweet recollections I'm hoping you will keep. Eternal Joy and memories stay in our hearts forever; strengthening our special bond that partner cannot sever. Now it's time to journey on, so let your faith be strong, for I am in a better place... I'm home where I belong. And if times of loneliness bring sorrow and dismay, don't despair, for I am there...Just a Memory Away.*

*Author Unknown*





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