When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home

When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you." Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow but today will always last And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,

For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.



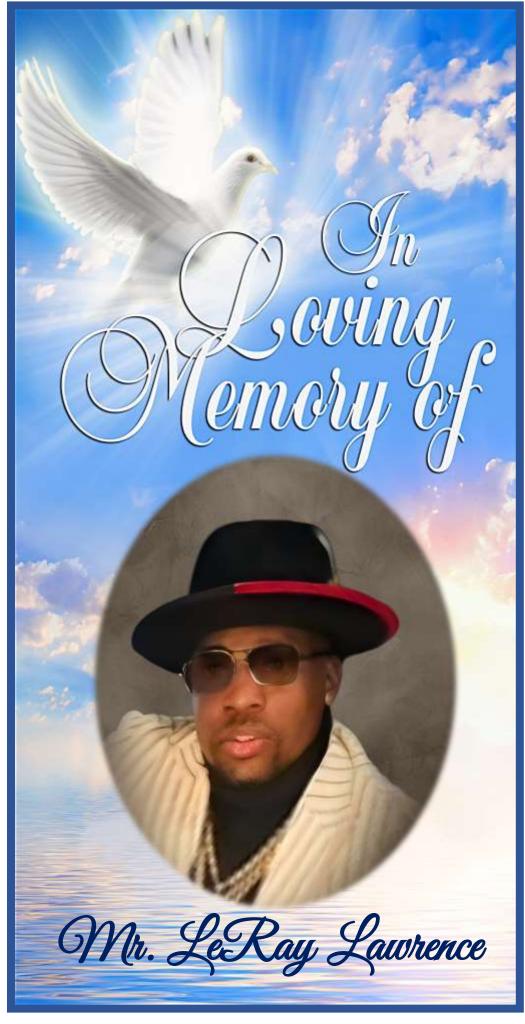




Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. LeRay Lawrence, would like to thank each of you for your many expressions of love and kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.





Obituary of Mr. LeRay Lawrence

Mr. LeRay Lawrence was born on April 22, 1991, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Jessie Lawrence and the late Carolyn Lawrence and was the biological son of Jacqueline Gibson.

Ray, as he was affectionately called, was educated in the public school systems of Richland County, South Carolina. After high school, Ray enlisted in the United States Army, serving two years. He was talented, driven, a song writer, and known for his singing everywhere he went. Music poured from his soul and ran throughout his veins. Along with his other attributes, Ray was outspoken and ambitious. He also had a passion for fashion. Ray could take any piece of clothing and turn it into an outfit and adding his special touch. Ray had a special love for people. No matter how bad your day was, he could lift your spirits. He had a passion for cooking, which led to him owning and operating his own catering business 45 Degrees.

Ray was employed with Graceful In Home Care. He became a mentor to children with special needs.

In addition to his parents, *Ray* was preceded in death by a sister, Elaine *Louise* Young; and a nephew, Cedric Young.

Mr. LeRay Lawrence leaves to mourn his passing: a devoted and loving sister, Carol (Andre) Johnson; a devoted nephew, Master Major Johnson; a niece, Cedrina Richardson; his biological mother, Jacqueline Gibson; his biological grandmother, Princess McCaskill; sister, Christy Lawrence; a special friend, Sharese Pride; five biological brothers and sisters; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories





















Funeral Service Friday, February 2, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

> Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, South Carolina



PreludeMr. Eddie Cabbagestalk
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Opening SelectionMr. Eddie Cabbagestalk
Old TestamentDeacon Emmanuel Lawson
New TestamentPastor Shelton Leath
Prayer of ComfortDeacon Darrell Middleton
Musical SelectionMr. Atri Cummings
PoemMr. Cameron Keller
Remarks
Musical SelectionMr. Eddie Cabbagestalk
Words of ComfortReverend Dr. Andrew Thomas
Committal
Benediction
Recessional
Postlude

