

# *To Those I Love and To Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone release me; let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You must not tie yourself to me with tears,

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love – you can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown.

But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So, grieve awhile for me, if grieve 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.

So if you need me, call. I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near;

And if you listen with your heart you will hear

All of 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.”

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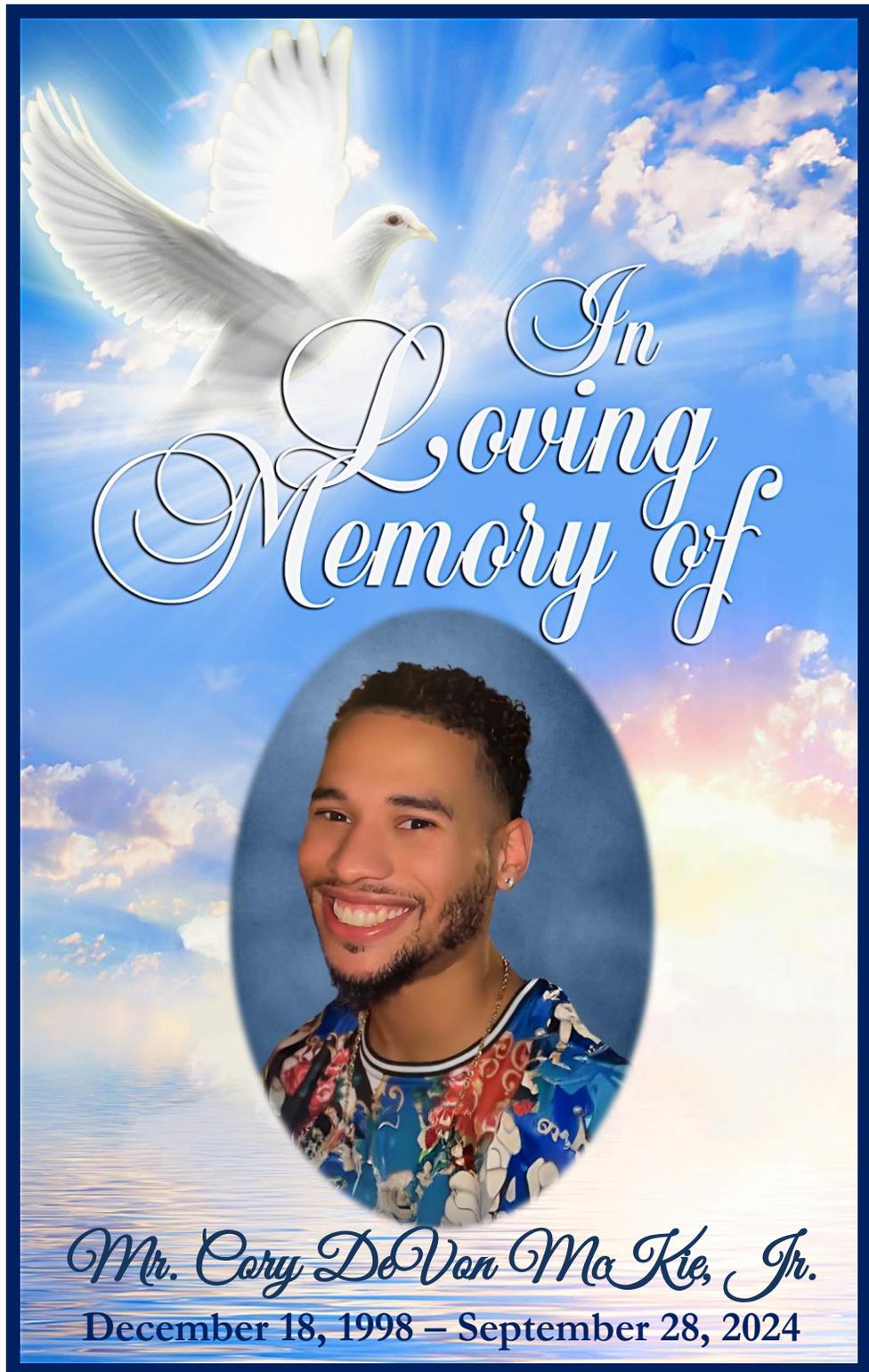
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# Obituary

Mr. Cory DeVon McKie, Jr., lovingly known to everyone as “DeVon,” was born on December 18, 1998, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the eldest son of Cory D. McKie, Sr. and Michelle Powers McKie. DeVon departed this life on Saturday, September 28, 2024. DeVon was a 2017 graduate of Bluffton High School, where he excelled in his diverse skills as cornerback, safety and wide receiver. In 2016, DeVon was named regional player of the year. He lived on the football field as a leader, and was loved by his coaches, teammates and friends. “DeVon” was an avid Gamecock fan, who proudly loved football and family ... “His beloved MCKIE NATION.” Anyone could attest to the smile he wore “would light up any room he entered!” “DeVon” served in the United States Army at Fort Campbell. After his separation from duty, he dedicated his life as an amazing, fiercely loving father and husband.

“DeVon” was more than a best friend to his brothers, Caleb and Linny, sister, Kiari and a brother to his best friend, Qur’an. “DeVon” knew how to make Caleb laugh, smile, mad, and everything in between. He was not only a big brother but a best friend. Kiari knew he was the little brother she never had to worry about. Their arguments “all the time” would never overshadow the indescribable love they shared. His realness and energy were a rare gem from his love of the New England Patriots to the books he would have deep discussions about. Yes, even to the anime he could be found engrossed in. His persuasive conversations and enjoyment for debate on every tough subject allowed a vision of “DeVon’s” core principles. He was a selfless man. He was the best husband a girl could ask for, with always the right thing to say at any moment. “DeVon” fearlessly adored his wife and children. His mother called him the glue! He stuck by and would give the last dollar to you without you even knowing. You could not know “DeVon” without knowing his goofy side, that he showed unapologetically. His infectious smile and contagious laughter will be endlessly missed and remembered. Numerous heartfelt remarks and expressions of love were received from a host of relatives, loved ones and friends.

“DeVon” was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eddie Roy McKie, Barbara Dancha, and Earline Bates.

Mr. Cory DeVon McKie, Jr. leaves behind to mourn his passing: his wife, Alexis McKie; daughter, Aliyah Nichol McKie; son, Cory DeVon Mckie III, all of Oak Grove KY; his brothers, Caleb Dominic McKie of Oak Grove KY and Linny Marquis Barcliff of Columbia ,SC; his sister, Kiari Jonaye Moore of Bluffton, SC; his father, Cory DeVon McKie Sr. (Charity) of Pittsburgh, PA; his mother, Michelle Denise McKie of Columbia, SC; grandmother, Sylester Billie of Columbia, SC; grandmother, Sandra McKie of Columbia, SC; along with an enormous host of extended family including uncles, aunts, cousins, as well as an endless list of relatives, friends, and loved ones.

*Funeral Service*  
*Saturday, October 5, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.*

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



- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection
- Scripture Readings.....Bishop Duane Greene  
Old Testament – Psalm 23:1-6  
New Testament – John 14:1-6
- Prayer.....Bishop Duane Green
- Remarks.....Mr. Qur’an Ford  
Ms. Kiari Moore  
Mr. Caleb McKie
- Selection.....“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”... Ms. Scheri Eichelberger
- Words of Comfort .....Minister Allen Brown
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude



## *Acknowledgement*

The entire McKie Family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude for each gesture of unflinching support. Your prayers, kind words, expressions of love, sympathy and presence mean more than a simple thank you can ever convey. The family of “DeVon” also would like to say a special thank you to Leevy’s for going above and beyond for us. We wish you all to be blessed and rest on peace within your hearts.