#### **Pallbearers**

Christoper R. Branch Merritt D. Harris, Jr. Michael Moore Deshawn Smith Jarrett Etheredge Marquinton Richardson

### When Tomorrow Starts Without Mo

#### <u>Me</u>

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.

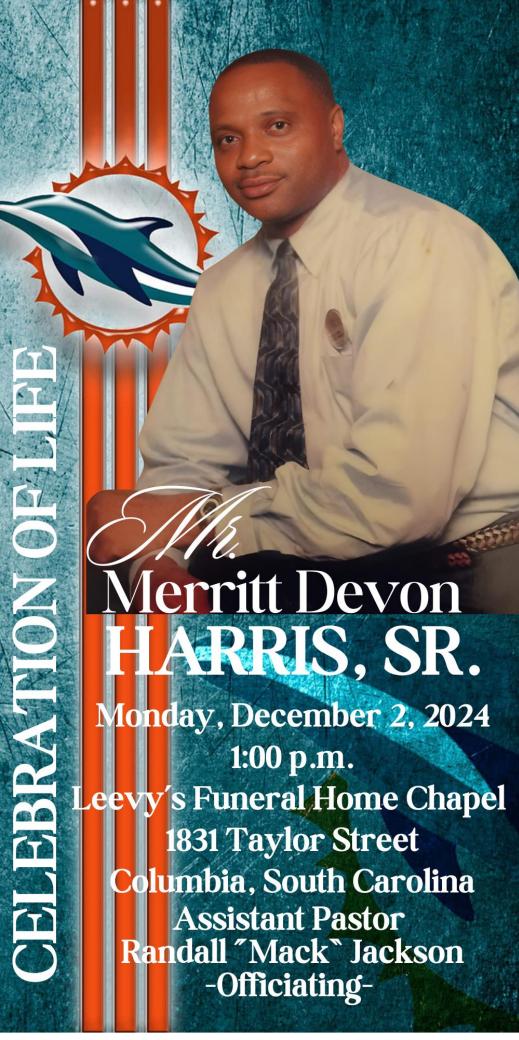
#### Floral Bearers

Jamica Etheredge Devosha Moore Amara Brown Azasia English Zakia Harris Monique Moore Siharia Holliday

#### Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Merritt Devon Harris, Sr., wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each of you for being a blessing to our family.





# Obituary of Mr. Merritt Devon Harris, Sr.

Mr. Merritt Devon Harris Sr., age 64, affectionally known as *Rico*, was born on November 2, 1960, in Gadsden County, Florida. He was the eldest child of the late James Etheredge and Willa Mae Etheredge.

*Rico* entered eternal rest on Saturday, November 23, 2024, in Spartanburg South Carolina. He was educated in the public schools of West Palm Beach, Florida and was a graduate of North Shore High School.

*Rico* began working in food and catering as a Maître d' for several years at the Radisson and Embassy Suites Hotel before becoming a manager at the Sheraton Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina. In the final days of his professional career, he worked as a manager at the Colonial Life Arena. After retiring from the Colonial Life Arena, he continued to remain active by working at A &J's Food & Catering Company.

Rico was a member of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road.

*Rico* was an avid Miami Dolphins fan, a jokester, and a straightforward true alpha male.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jarrett Etheredge and Marcel Moore.

*Rico* leaves to cherish his beautiful memory: his loving mother, Willa Etheredge; a loving and devoted wife of twenty-three years, Devonne L. Harris; two sons, Merritt D. Harris Jr. of Florence, SC and Christopher R. Branch of Columbia, SC; one daughter, Zakia K. Harris of Woodbridge, Virginia; one brother, Michael Moore (Trisha) of Tampa, Florida; one sister, Jamica Etheredge of Columbia, SC; one granddaughter, Zaniyah Harris of Woodbridge, Virginia; one sister-in-law, Michelle N. Smith of Columbia, SC; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

#### Memories































#### A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude	Mr. Christopher Neal
Processional	
Viewing	Funeral Directors
Musical Selection	Mr. Bernard Brailsford
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Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament -Revelations 21:1-4	
Prayer	Deacon David Whitmire
Musical Selection	Mr. Christopher Neal
Remarks	Mr. Christopher R. Branch Mr. Desman Wilks
Musical Selection	
Words of Comfort	Assistant Pastor Randall "Mack" Jackson
Musical Selection	
Recessional	
Postlude	



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Park 7100 Garners Ferry Road Columbia, South Carolina