

# Obituary

Mr. Antonio Napoleon Rawls, born on October 28, 1975, passed away on April 30, 2025, at the age of 49 due to a heart attack.

A proud attendee of Lower Richland High School, Antonio was known for his strong-willed spirit, sharp sense of humor, and natural ability to connect with others. He spent many years working in customer service, where his gift for conversation and making people laugh left a lasting impression on those around him.

Antonio's heart was never fuller than when he was in the kitchen, cooking for those he loved. Widely considered the best cook in the family, he took great joy in experimenting with flavors and spices, turning simple meals into memorable experiences. **Bringing people together through food came naturally to him, cooking was his way of showing love.**

Few knew that Antonio also had a quiet talent for art. With a natural gift for drawing, he expressed himself through creativity in ways words sometimes couldn't.

He is survived by his beloved daughter, Shaniya Rawls; his devoted mother, Della Rawls; his brother, Thomas Rawls (Mary); sister, Tammera Tucker (Bernie); his bonus brother, Troy McCant; nieces and nephews, Treyvon Rawls, BJ, Bernie Tucker, Jr., Braylin Tucker, and Shamaria Tucker; aunts and uncles, Bernice Rawls, Bessie Taylor, Corinthia Rawls, Pearl McCant, Tommy Simmons, and Williams Simmons; a host of cousins, friends, and chosen family (“family”) who will miss him dearly.

Antonio was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Rawls, Sr.

Though his journey was tough at times, Antonio's life was full of laughter, good food, and love. He will be remembered fondly and with gratitude by all who were blessed to know him.

# Memories



## Order of Service

# Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Old Testament.....Mr. Thomas Rawls  
Psalm 23

New Testament.....Mr. Thomas Rawls  
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer.....Reverend James Abrams

Selection.....Elder Anthony Stubs  
“Stand”

Remarks.....Ms. Shaniyah Rawls  
A Family Member  
A Friend

Poem.....*You Did it Your Own Way*.....Ms. Mary Rawls

Selection.....Elder Anthony Stubbs

Words of Comfort.....Reverend James Abrams

Recessional

## Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

St. James Baptist Church Cemetery  
1131 Blue Johnson Road  
Hopkins, South Carolina



*In The Garden of My Heart*  
(for my dad)

*In the garden of my heart, a flower grows,  
Nurtured by a love only a father knows. Your  
strength and kindness shaped my way—  
A guiding light, both night and day.*

*Through childhood days and nights so long,  
Your steady presence made me strong.  
Your gentle words, a soothing balm, Your love,  
a shelter—safe and calm.*

*Now, as I stand to say goodbye, I hold your  
memory—won't let it die. Though you've begun  
your final flight, Your love within shines bright.*

*Your laughter echoes in my dreams, Your spirit  
glows in morning beams. Your legacy, Dad, I'll  
proudly bear—In every trial, I'll feel you there.*

*Though tears may fall and hearts may ache,  
Your love, dear father, will never break. For in  
life's tapestry, you've woven in  
A father's love—a daughter's kin.*

*-Shaniya Rawls*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Antonio Napoleon Rawls, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*

MR. ANTONIO NAPOLEON RAWLS



TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

LEEVEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL  
1831 TAYLOR STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND JAMES ABRAMS  
-OFFICIATING-