

Obituary

Mr. Leray Lamont Thomas, affectionately known as "Big L" was born on May 30, 1972, in Pontiac, South Carolina. The beloved son of Cora Mclurkin and Herbert Samuel, Jr., Leray departed this life on Thursday, October 25, 2025.

Leray was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, where he attended Spring Valley High School. He was baptized and attended Fort Clark Baptist Church, in Elgin, South Carolina. Leray was the patriarch of his family. He was always giving to others. Leray loved to make people laugh. He was known for being comical and his heart of gold. His favorite sports teams were the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Clemson Tigers. Leray loved spending time with his grandchildren and cooking for his family.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Valerie Anderson.

Those to cherish fond and precious memories of Leray are: his loving daughter, Seray (Deon) Rozier; caring sons, Tyrell Thomas, Daruis Vanover, Bryan Lane, and Leray Thomas, Jr.; loving parents, Cora Mclurkin and Herbert Samuel, Jr.; caring brothers, Marvin Thomas, Jamil Mclurkin, Dregus Mclurkin, Gregory Samuel, Eric (Alonsha) Gibbs; caring sister, Latonya Maxwell; 10 grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, many close relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection
- Old Testament.....Mr. Damir Kennedy
Isaiah 41:10
- New Testament.....Mr. Collin Thomas
Revelation 21:4
- Prayer.....Reverend Gerald Montgomery
- Solo.....Ms. Mari and Ms. Dream Hayward Thomas
"So Hard to Say Goodbye"
- Remarks.....Ms. Bridgette Thomas
- Musical Selection....."Walk Around Heaven"
Recording by: Willie Neal Johnson
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Gerald Montgomery
- Musical Selection....."I'll Be Missing You"
Recording by: Sean Combs ft. Faith Evans
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Cedars Cemetery
701 Campbell Street
Camden, South Carolina

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.*

Pallbearers

TyShaun Glover Ryshaun Glover
Rodney Woodard Damonte Breeland
Aubrey Moton Jamie Portee

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Leray Lamont Thomas, 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. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

I. S. Leevy Johnson
-Owner & Director-

Leevy's
FUNERAL HOME

Chris Leevy Johnson
-President & Managing Director-

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Garners Ferry Road
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(803) 776-6922

Leverette A. Williams, II
-General Manager-

Celebration of Life

Mr.
Leray Lamont
THOMAS, SR.



Wednesday, October 29, 2025
1:00 p.m.

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

Reverend Gerald Montgomery
-Officiating-