

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Jerrick Atkinson Jr.



Sunrise

12-19-02

Sunset

04-24-25

Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 11:00 am

**PARADISE CHURCH OF GOD
4234 HENDRIX DR | FOREST PARK, GA 30297**

**BISHOP PAUL L. FORTSON, D.D. AREA PASTOR, EULOGIST
ELDER DR. PAUL Q. FORTSON, OFFICIATING**

Order of Service



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

**OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT**

**ELDER RAYMOND LINDSAY
SISTER RAEGAN JACKSON**

MUSICAL SELECTION PARADISE LVITES

**TRIBUTES - PARADISE (2 MINUTES PLEASE)
SISTER ANGEL GATEWOOD EVANGELIST
SHINDANA JOHNSON ELDER CORY HENRY
TRIBUTES - FROM FRIENDS**

**MUSICAL SELECTION
NEVER COULD HAVE MADE IT.. ELDER W. MALDEN**

**TRIBUTES FROM THE FAMILY:
DEBORAH JENNINGS, RODNEY JONES
RHONDA STEPHENS DEBORAH BOYKIN**

**OBITUARY
(PLEASE READ SILENTLY)**

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EULOGY BISHOP PAUL L.FORTSON D.D.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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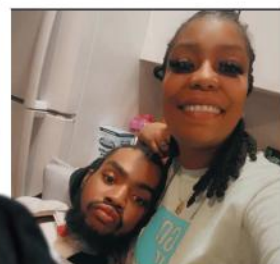
PRELUDE

**REPAST IMMEDIATELY AFTER
INTERMENT AT PARADISE
MATTIE 'S FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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Reflections of Life

JERRICK JERMAIN ATKINSON JR. AFFECTIONALLY KNOWN AS "LIL JERRY" OR "JERRY" WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 19, 2002 TO THE (LATE) JERRICK JERMAIN ATKINSON SR AND LATOYA RENEA WRIGHT IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. JERRICK ATTENDED HAPEVILLE ELEMENTARY, FOLLOWED BY RENAISSANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND LANGSTON HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE EXCELLED IN CULINARY ARTS AND WAS A PART THE HUGHES SOUND MARCHING BAND. HE THEN WENT ON TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AT ATLANTA METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.

AT AN EARLY AGE JERRICK BECAME A MEMBER OF PARADISE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, WHERE HE DEMONSTRATE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO HIS FAITH AND A HEARTFELT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD. THERE HE WAS CROWNED MISTER PURITY. JERRICK CULTIVATED HIS PASSION FOR GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY BEING A PART OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE EACH ONE REACH ONE. HE WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF SELFLESSNESS AND AN EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUAL WITH A HEART OF GOLD. HE LEFT AN IMPRINT ON EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN HIS PATH.

JERRICK WAS CALLED HOME AT THE TENDER AGE OF 22 ON APRIL 24TH, 2025. HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS GENEROSITY, HIS OUTGOING SPIRIT, DEPENDABILITY, AND ALWAYS PUTTING OTHERS BEFORE HIMSELF. HE CHERISHED HIS GREATEST TREASURE, WHOM WAS HIS FAMILY, WHICH HE MADE COUNTLESS MEMORIES WITH. HIS POSITIVE IMPACT ON THOSE AROUND HIM AND HIS STRONG PRESENCE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HIM.

JERRICK WAS PROCEEDED IN DEATH BY HIS FATHER, JERRICK SR, HIS GRANDFATHER, CLARENCE ATKINSON, HIS MATERNAL GREAT GRANDMOTHER, EVELYN P. JONES, HIS PATERNAL GREAT MOTHER, JESSIE HENDERSON, HIS MATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER, ARTHUR JONES, HIS PATERNAL GREAT GRANDFATHER, JAMES HENDERSON, AND HIS COUSIN, CHRISTIAN QUINN,

JERRICK IS SURVIVED BY HIS DEVOTED MOTHER LATOYA (LACOYA) WRIGHT, HIS GRANDMOTHERS, ANGELA JONES DAVIS AND CAROLYN WILLIAMS, HIS GRANDFATHER ARLANDER WALLER, THREE SISTERS SHATAVIA JONES, JERRICA ATKINSON AND ANISSA WRIGHT AND ONE BROTHER OMARION JOHNSON, GODFATHER RONI JONES AND A HOST OF AUNTS, UNCLES, STEP - BROTHERS, COUSINS AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL DEEPLY MISS HIM.

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Love for Jerrick



**BUTT BUTT, YOU KNOW I LOVE AND MISS YOU, BRUH! BUT I KNOW YOU'RE AT PEACE NOW – WITH DADDY AND MEETING YOUR NIECE. TELL THEM HEY AND GIVE THEM A HUG FROM ME –
– LOVE BIG RED, SHATAVIA**

**JERRY, MY TWIN – I LOVE YOU. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. –
– LOVE, YOUR SISTER JERRICA**

**MY BROTHER JERRY, YOU WERE SUCH A KIND, INDEPENDENT PERSON WHO DIDN'T NEED ANYONE FOR ANYTHING – AND YOU ALWAYS TAUGHT ME THAT. I LOVE YOU. –
– LOVE, YOUR. NINI**

**GRANDSON, I MISS YOU ALREADY. KEEP WATCHING OVER US. I LOVE YOU, AND I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, MY SON. AND REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU: I'VE GOT YOUR GIRLS, ALWAYS.
– LOVE, GRANDMA ANN**

**OUR BELOVED SON, JERRICK – YOU LEFT THIS WORLD FAR TOO SOON, BUT YOUR LIGHT CONTINUES TO SHINE IN OUR HEARTS. YOU BROUGHT LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND PURPOSE INTO OUR LIVES EVERY SINGLE DAY. YOUR PRESENCE TOUCHED EVERYONE YOU MET. THOUGH YOUR TIME WITH US WAS BRIEF, THE IMPACT YOU MADE WILL LAST FOREVER. WE WILL REMEMBER YOUR SMILE, YOUR DREAMS, AND HOW YOU MADE LIFE MORE BEAUTIFUL JUST BY BEING IN IT. WE GRIEVE, BUT WE ALSO GIVE THANKS FOR EVERY PRECIOUS MOMENT WE SHARED. YOU WILL LIVE ON IN EVERY BREATH AND EVERY HEARTBEAT.
– FROM STEPFATHER COYA**

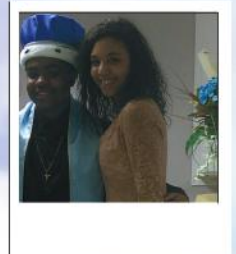
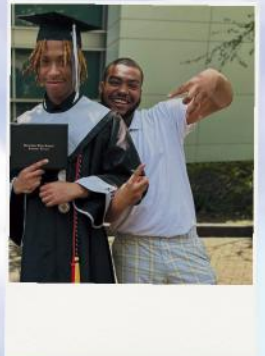
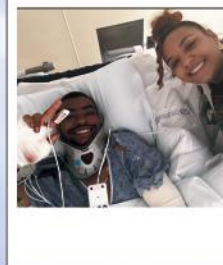
**MY SON, MY ONE AND ONLY YOUR SMILE LIT UP EVERY ROOM. FROM THE DAY YOU WERE BORN, YOU WERE MY KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR. YOU HAVE A HEART OF GOLD, AND YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME. YOU BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY INTO MY LIFE – IT'S A BLESSING TO BE YOUR MOTHER. NOW, YOU ARE MY GUARDIAN ANGEL WATCHING OVER ME. I LOVE YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY. LORD KNOWS I WILL MISS YOU. YOU'LL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART AND ON MY MIND. GOODBYES ARE NOT FOREVER, THEY ARE NOT THE END – THEY SIMPLY MEAN I'LL MISS YOU, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. REST WELL, MY ONE AND ONLY.
– LOVE MOMMY**

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The Smile That Stayed

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JERRICK ATKINSON JR.

**THERE WAS A LIGHT BEHIND HIS SMILE—
NOT JUST BRIGHT, BUT HEALING.
IT WRAPPED AROUND YOU LIKE MORNING SUN,
WARM, WHOLE, AND REAL.
HIS LAUGH? IT LINGERED.
LIKE A FAVORITE SONG YOU HUM WITHOUT THINKING.
HE DIDN'T JUST LAUGH — HE SHARED JOY.
THE KIND YOU FEEL IN YOUR BONES,
THE KIND THAT STAYS LONG AFTER THE MOMENT IS GONE.
JERRICK DIDN'T NEED A SPOTLIGHT —
HE WAS THE LIGHT.
A PROTECTOR WITHOUT ARMOR,
A QUIET STRENGTH IN THE CHAOS.
IF HE LOVED YOU, HE SHIELDED YOU.
NOT WITH NOISE, BUT WITH PRESENCE.
HE LOVED HARD.
THE TYPE OF LOVE THAT SHOWS UP.
THAT HELPS WITHOUT ASKING.
THAT REMEMBERS WHAT YOU LIKE TO EAT.
THAT HOLDS SECRETS AND HANDS WITHOUT EVER LETTING GO.
HE WAS A GRANDMA'S BABY —
HER SUNSHINE WRAPPED IN SNEAKERS AND LOYALTY.
HE CARRIED HER SOFTNESS IN HIS SOUL,
AND HER PRIDE IN HIS WALK.
BUT THE WORLD CAN BE CRUEL TO THE KINDEST ONES.
THEY TOOK A SMILE THAT HEALED,
A LAUGH THAT LIFTED,
A SOUL THAT SHIELDED.
YET IT COULDN'T DIM HIS LIGHT.
BECAUSE JERRICK'S SMILE LIVES ON—
IN EVERY COUSIN HE MADE LAUGH,
IN EVERY MEMORY GRANDMA CRADLES IN HER CHEST,
IN EVERY HEART THAT KNEW HIS NAME.
HE IS NOT JUST WHAT WE LOST —
HE IS WHO WE CARRY.
IN HOW WE PROTECT ONE ANOTHER NOW,
IN HOW WE LOVE WITHOUT CONDITION,
IN HOW WE SMILE THROUGH THE SORROW.
SO WHEN THE TEARS COME — LET THEM.
BUT WHEN THE MEMORIES COME — SMILE.
BECAUSE HE WOULD WANT THAT.
BECAUSE HE GAVE THAT.
THE WORLD MAY HAVE TAKEN HIM,
BUT HEAVEN CAUGHT HIM.
AND NOW HE'S WATCHING,
STILL LOVING,
STILL SMILING.
STILL OURS.**



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Love for Jerrick

TO MY GRANDSON – SON, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART. YOU WERE THAT LITTLE SIXYEAR-OLD BOY WHO JUST WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF ME. WHEN YOU WENT AWAY, A PART OF ME WENT TOO. – GRANDMA CAROLYN

**JERRY, MY BABY – I LOVE YOU SO, SO MUCH! I'LL MISS SO MUCH ABOUT YOU, BUT NOTHING MORE THAN YOUR BIG SMILE AND AMAZING ENERGY. I'LL CHERISH THE MEMORIES FOREVER. REST WELL, MY BABY BOY. I LOVE YOU!
– YOUR POOH BEAR**

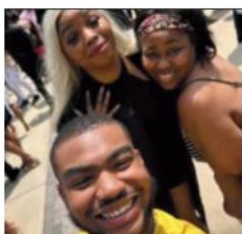
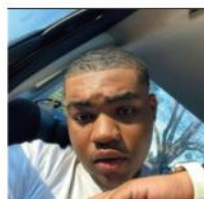
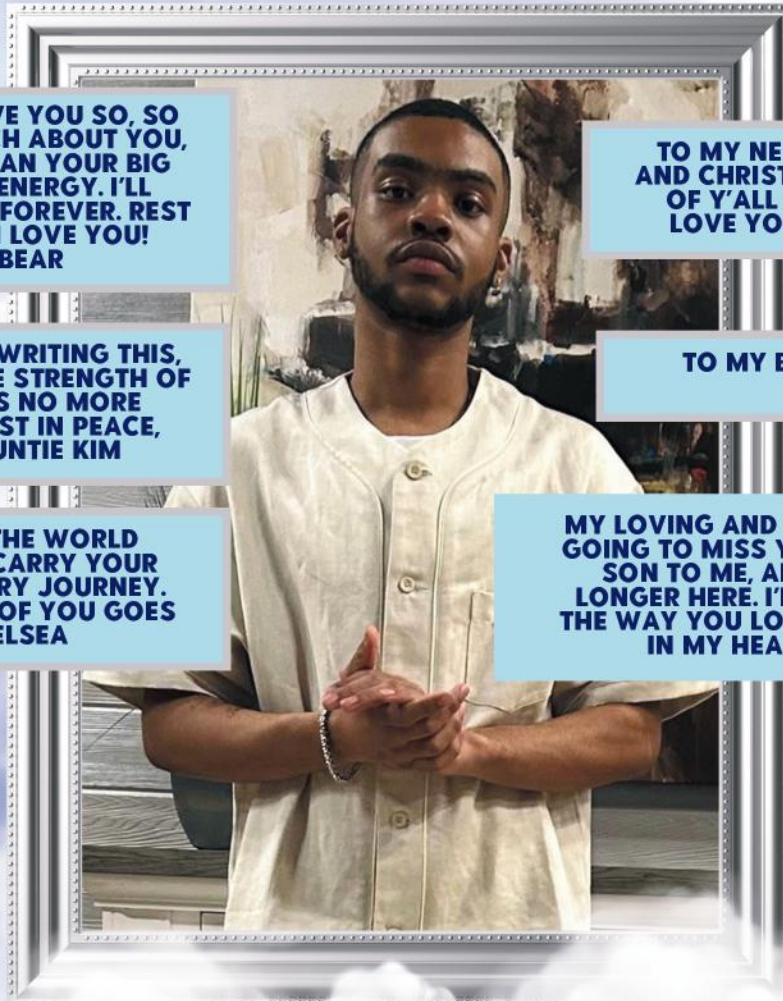
TO MY NEPHEW – NOW THAT YOU AND CHRISTIAN ARE TOGETHER, BOTH OF Y'ALL CAN WATCH OVER ME. I LOVE YOU. – LOVE AUNTIE ALISA

DEAR JERRY, IT'S HARD WRITING THIS, BUT I'M DOING IT ON THE STRENGTH OF YOU. I KNOW THERE'S NO MORE STRUGGLING NOW. REST IN PEACE, NEPHEW. – LOVE AUNTIE KIM

TO MY BROTHER – I LOVE YOU. – LOVE OMAR

WE PLANNED TO SEE THE WORLD TOGETHER, BUT NOW I CARRY YOUR SPIRIT WITH ME ON EVERY JOURNEY. WHEREVER I GO, A PART OF YOU GOES TOO. – LOVE. CHELSEA

MY LOVING AND CARING NEPHEW JERRY – I'M GOING TO MISS YOU DEEPLY. YOU WERE LIKE A SON TO ME, AND I HATE THAT YOU'RE NO LONGER HERE. I'LL MISS YOUR COOKING AND THE WAY YOU LOOKED OUT FOR ME. – FOREVER IN MY HEART, LOVE AUNTIE TONIA



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Long Live Jerrick

SON | BROTHER | COUSIN



Mom & Lil Jerry



Jerrick + Jerrica + Shatavia



Jerrick 18th Birthday



Chelsea + Jerrick



Quan + Jerrick + Posh Bear



Jerrick + Mama Mary



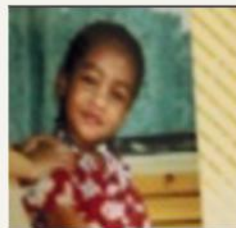
Jerrick + Auntie Deb



Homecoming Court



Mom & Lil Jerry



Posh Bear & Lil Jerry

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Letter to The Family

TO MY BEAUTIFUL FAMILY,

IF YOU'RE READING THIS, THEN GOD HAS CALLED ME HOME. AND THOUGH MY TIME ON EARTH WAS SHORT, PLEASE KNOW—I'M SAFE NOW. WRAPPED IN THE ARMS OF PEACE, SURROUNDED BY A LOVE GREATER THAN ANYTHING WE CAN IMAGINE. I MADE IT HOME.

I KNOW YOUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY, AND THE TEARS COME EASY. BUT I WANT YOU TO SMILE. PLEASE. NOT BECAUSE I'M GONE—BUT BECAUSE I WAS HERE. BECAUSE WE LAUGHED, WE HUGGED, WE CELEBRATED. BECAUSE I LOVED YOU WITH EVERYTHING I HAD. THAT LOVE DOESN'T END—IT JUST SHIFTS FORMS. NOW I'M WITH YOU IN SPIRIT, IN EVERY SUNRISE, EVERY INSIDE JOKE, EVERY SILENT MOMENT WHERE YOUR HEART SUDDENLY FEELS FULL FOR NO REASON.

TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. PROTECT EACH OTHER THE WAY I WOULD. SPEAK LIFE INTO ONE ANOTHER, LOVE HARD, AND KEEP YOUR FAITH STRONG. I WANT MY NAME TO BE A REMINDER OF JOY, NOT PAIN. LET MY LIFE PUSH YOU TO LIVE EVEN LOUDER.

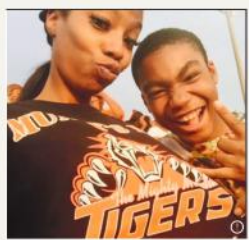
TO MY GRANMA, MAMA, AUNTIE, MY FAMILY AND EVERY SOUL THAT EVER GAVE ME A MOMENT OF LOVE—THANK YOU. YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING ETERNAL. AND I PROMISE, I'LL BE WATCHING OVER YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. THIS ISN'T GOODBYE. IT'S JUST SEE YOU LATER.

**WITH ALL MY LOVE, ALWAYS,
JERRICK "LIL JERRY" ATKINSON JR.**



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Father & Son **REUNITED**



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Pallbearers

**CHRISTOPHER JONES
LACOYA WRIGHT JR.
CARLOS SIMMON**

**CALEB JONES
TYSHUN BOYKIN
DIANGELO DAVIS**

Flower Bearers

**CHYNA WRIGHT
LYRIC GRIER
CHELSEA BOYKIN**

**CHRISTINA JENNINGS
TONEATRA PATTERSON
ANGEL GATEWOOD**

Acknowledgements

**WE, THE FAMILY, ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE
GIFTS OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU, WHO HAVE BEEN SO
KIND AND THOUGHTFUL DURING THESE HOURS OF
SORROW, YOUR PRAYERS, VISITS, CALLS, FLOWERS
AND EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS HAVE GIVEN US
STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION.**

Professional Services Entrusted to

**DONALD TRIMBLE MORTUARY
1876 SECOND AVENUE | DECATUR, GA 30032**

Interment

**SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2025
DAWN MEMORIAL PARK 4685 GLENWOOD ROAD
DECATUR, GA**

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ANGEL ON EARTH, ANGEL IN HEAVEN

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Well Done Jerrick

**HIS LORD SAID UNTO HIM, WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT; THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER OVER MANY THINGS: ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD.
MATTHEW 25:21**