

with love

FLORAL BEARERS

Clinton High School Class of 2020
Youth of Antioch AME Church

PALLBEARERS

Johnny Booker	Zir'myracle Gary
Darian Grant	Trequann Mosley
Josiah Stewart	Shimek Williams
Alternate	Nideaz Williams
Alternate	Myles Reppart

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Clinton High School Class of 2020

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Never are we more aware of how much family and friends mean than during times of bereavement. Your support is very much appreciated and of great comfort to our family. Your acts of kindness and prayers have sustained us and reminded us of God's mercy and grace. May God be as generous in blessing and keeping each of you.

The Family of A J

Rendering Exceptional Service While Demonstrating Deep Compassion

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Mr. Willie Alonzo Gary, Jr.

"AJ"

FIRST BREATH
10-11-2001

LAST SMILE
10-22-2021



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

1:00 PM

CHILDS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

301 West Carolina Avenue
Clinton, South Carolina

REVEREND HAROLD CHAPMAN, PASTOR
REVEREND MICHAEL YOUNG, EULOGIST



A Silent Tear

Just close your eyes and you will see
All the memories that you have of me
Just sit and relax and you will find
I'm really still there inside your mind

Don't cry for me now I'm gone
For I am in the land of song
There is no pain, there is no fear
So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark and cold
For here I am,
I'm in that place that's fill with love
Known to you all as "up above"



You Meant So Much

You meant so much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
And the cloudiest sky

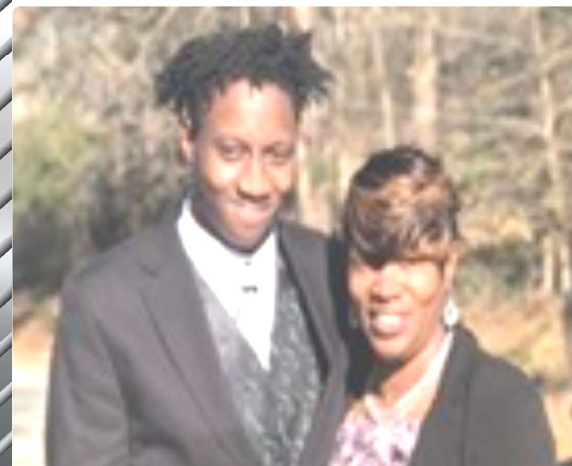
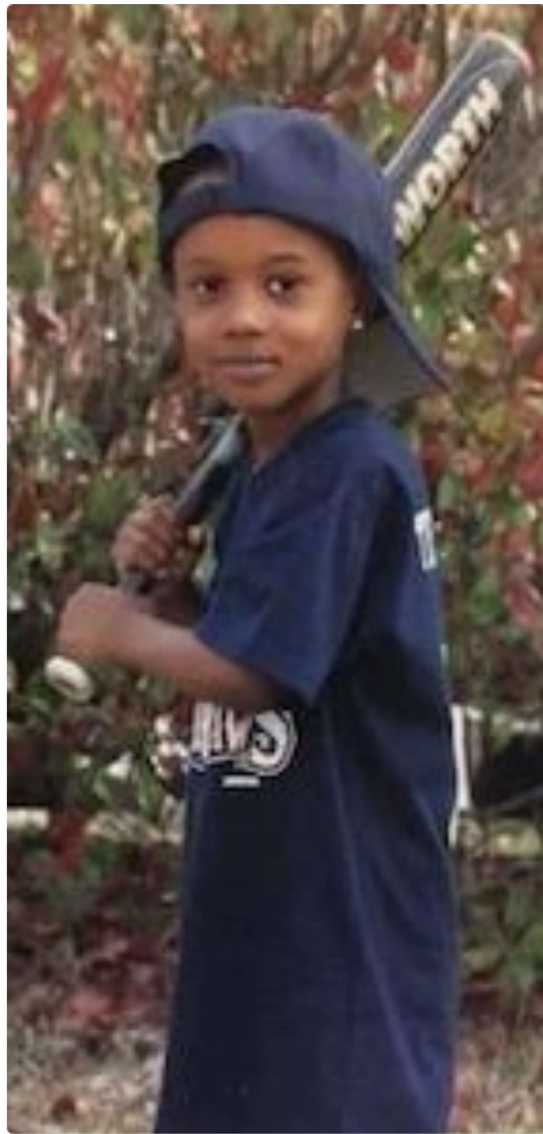
Your smile alone warmed hearts
Your laugh was like music to hear
I would give absolutely anything
To have you well and standing near

Not a second passes
When you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
The hurt will ease in time

Many tears I have seen and cried
They have all poured out like rain
I know that your are happy now
And no longer in any pain.

**WILLIE ALONZO
GARY, JR.
"AJ"
2001-2021**





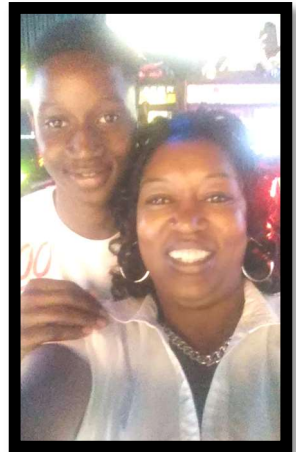
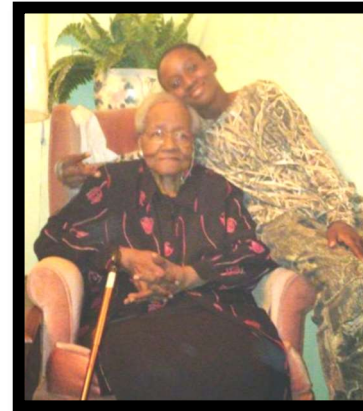
*We'll hold you in our hearts until we
can hold you in heaven*

*Love radiates forever in the hearts
of family and friends*

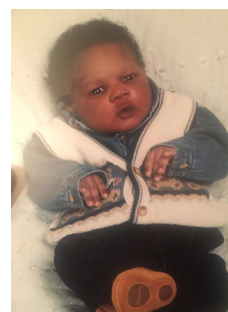
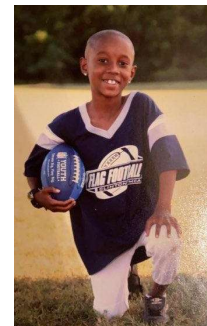
Precious Memories

AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an
afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.



*Keep on loving one
another as brothers
and sisters* Hebrews 13:1



A Letter From Heaven

*When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all 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 that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*





ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Harold Chapman, Presider

Musical Prelude

Processional

Clergy and Family

Final Viewing

Family and Friends

Musical Selection

Sister Joyce Boyd

Prayer

Reverend Mark

Scripture Readings

Reverend Mark

Musical Selection

Reflections

Brother Albert Sturkey

Not Not Copeland

Eulogy

Reverend Michael Young

Pastor, Mt. Carmel AME Church, Gray Court, SC

Musical Selection

Reverend John Booker

Pastor, New Hope AME Church, Mountville, SC

Recessional

Graveside Services

Antioch AME Church Cemetery

Committal Rites, Parting Prayer and Benediction

Interment

Antioch AME Church Cemetery

OBITUARY

**Goodbyes are not forever, nor are they the end.
They mean I'll miss you until we meet again.**



Mr. Willie Alonzo Gary, Jr. completed his earthly journey on Friday, October 22, 2021 in Augusta, GA. "AJ" as he was affectionately known, succumbed to injuries sustained in his brave and heroic efforts in a house fire on October 19, 2021.

AJ was born on October 11, 2001 to Willie Gary and Jakara Simpson. From the moment he was born, his inner joy seemed

to shine. Everyone loved him. It's easy to love babies, but the older AJ grew, the more endearing people found him. He was twenty years old. AJ was a 2020 graduate of Clinton High School in Clinton, SC. He was a member of Antioch AME Church in Clinton, SC and often attended Clinton First Pentecostal Holiness Church near his home. AJ was proud to be starting a new job at ZF Transmissions in Gray Court, SC. He never had a shortage of friends who wanted to spend time with him, and he loved spending time with his friends and family.

The Jesus and the angels met AJ at Heaven's gates along with those who went home before him: maternal grandfather, Johnny Lee Simpson; great grandmother, Katherine Williams; great aunt, Annie Pearl McGowan and cousin, Antonio Coleman.

A family is a circle of love, not broken by loss, but made stronger by memories

AJ was a hero to his family and will always be remembered with love and appreciation by: his parents, Willie (Charity) Gary, Sr. and Jakara (Leslie) Simpson-Richey; his paternal grandparents who raised him, Mr. Willie Lee and Mrs. Geraldine Gary; his maternal grandmother, Ms. Kimberly Ann Simpson; his siblings: Kemora Gary, Jamya Simpson and Alonzo Gary; cousins raised like brothers: Derrick Bluford and BJ Copeland; step siblings: Timahrion Pulley and Nautica Richey; aunts: Alfreda (Billy) Coleman, Sherry (Tony) Hill, Rhonda Gary and Centris (Eddie) Elkins. Because of AJ's bravery, positive attitude and engaging personality his memory will also be cherished by many other loving relatives and friends.