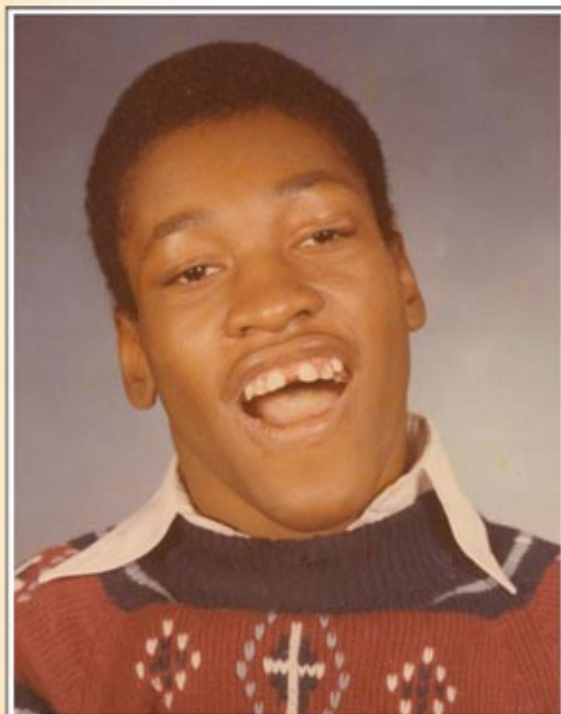


Homegoing Celebration
for



Ricky Leroy Burns
1964 ~ 2008

Wednesday, July 30, 2008
11:00 a.m.

St. Matthew Baptist Church
3660 Fontaine Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

Rev. Kelsey Hayes, Officiating

Obituary

The hourglass of time has slowly but surely spilled its contents and with the passing of the last sand on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, went the life of our loved one and dear friend Ricky Leroy Burns. Ricky peacefully, in his sleep, exited through the gateway of death from this mean world to a beautiful city of God.

Born May 13, 1964 to Ms. Jetha Burns, Ricky was a very special child from birth. Afflicted with cerebral palsy, his spirit was never dampened by his limitations. Although confined to a wheelchair all of his life, and unable to verbally communicate, everyone who met him knew he was a happy person by the smile he always had on his face and through the eye contact made with.

His mother, Mrs. Burns was the epitome of his life. She nurtured him, loved him and made sure he was an active participant in Sunday school, vacation bible school, special programs and worship service at his beloved church, St. Matthew. Ricky accepted Christ as his personal savior and was baptized by Rev. W.M. McQuirter. On any given Sunday, Ricky could be heard participating in worship service through his special praise to our Lord and Savior. All who witnessed this, knew the spirit of the Lord was with him.

In addition to attending church on a regular basis, Ricky also attended Siwell Middle School in a program for students with special needs. He was an avid lover of baseball and spent countless hours watching his favorite team, the Chicago Cubs with his brother and mother.

Ricky leaves to cherish his memory, a loving mother, Ms. Jetha Burns and a brother, Billie Burns both of Jackson; a sister, Jami Miller of Houston, TX; three aunts: Ms. Jeannette Evans, Ms. Eleanor Taylor and Ms. Rosie Lee Houston all of Jackson, MS; six uncles: Joseph Britton, Ben (Ruth) Britton, Jack (Dorothy) Britton of Jackson, MS; Melvin Britton of Detroit, MI, Charles (Hilda) Britton and Ross Britton of Jackson, MS; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. His grandmother, Mrs. Sudie Britton and an aunt Ms. Cora McClendon preceded him death.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Song..... *“Oh I Want to See Him”*
St. Matthew Church Choir

Scripture

Old Testament..... Dr. Walter Johnson

New Testament Rev. Eddie Adams

Prayer..... Deacon Henry Swan

Song..... *“What A Friend I Have In Jesus”*
St. Matthew Church Choir

Tributes

As A Friend.....Ms. Dorothy Miller

As A Church Member Mrs. Jessie Dawson

Obituary*Read Silently*.....Soft Music

AcknowledgementsMs. Carol N. Dorsey

Solo.....Mr. Kevin Green

Eulogy Rev. Kelsey Hayes

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

Acknowledgements

The family of Ricky Burns acknowledges all acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. A special thanks is extended to Mr. Charles Speech and to the management and staff of the Jackson Hilton Hotel and Convention Center.

Your kindness has indeed been comforting.

PALLBEARERS

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