

# CELEBRATION *of Life*

FOR

*Darrell K. Rutledge*



May 2, 1995 — April 1, 2016

*Service*

12:00 PM, Saturday, April 9, 2016

***Northside Church of Christ***

4736 Avenue B  
Jacksonville, FL 32209

***Charlie McClendon, Senior Minister***  
***Al Jackson, Minister***

## ***Pallbearers***

Jervonnti Lazenberry	Larry Daniels
Torrence Halaby	Darrall Owens
Paul Hudson	Earvin Odom

## ***Honorary Pallbearers***

Twain Newton  
Jabri Rutledge

## ***Flower Attendants***

Friends and Family Members

A Special Dad is hard to find. You dad I'm keeping in my mind. I wish you could have stayed forever but I will never forget you. Oh not never. A special smile. A special face. A special someone I can't replace. I love you and I always will. You filled space that no one can ever replace. Dad you will always remain in my heart. You may like the new person I will become someday.

~Your daughter

## ***Acknowledgement***

Words are not adequate enough to express our gratitude for the many expressions of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one, Bro. Darrell Rutledge. Your calls, cards, visits, flowers, and prayers have given us strength and comfort for the journey ahead. May God continue to bless each of you. ~The Family

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## ***Obituary***

**Darrell K. Rutledge, Jr.** was born in Savannah, Georgia on May 2, 1995 to Darrell Rutledge and Trina Johnson-Rutledge. He confessed to Christ one year ago, uniting with Northside Church of Christ where he was baptized by Senior Minister, Elder Charlie McClendon. Darrell attended school in Jacksonville, Florida and received his education at Raines High School. He was a devoted, loving and caring father. He could make you smile and laugh on your worst day. Darrell departed this life on April 1, 2016, and was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Rutledge; Eli Rutledge his paternal great-grandfather from Savannah, Ga.

Darrell "Hightop" leaves behind his daughter, Jady Rutledge; mother, Trina Johnson-Rutledge (Jacksonville, FL); two brothers, Damian Johnson (Atlanta, GA) and Tramel Rutledge (Jacksonville FL); four sisters, Dominique (Jacksonville FL), Alicia, Shalynn, and Michelle Rutledge (Savannah, GA); maternal grandparents, John and Alice Curry (Savannah GA); paternal grandmother, Patricia Rutledge (Savannah, GA); paternal great-grandmother, Lottie Banner (Savannah GA); maternal great-grandmother, Mattie Walker (Boston, MA); uncles, Donnell Garnett (Fort Worth, TX) and Enricque (Niyikia) Rutledge (Savannah, GA); aunts, Shjuana (Chauncey) Wood (Jacksonville FL), Felicia (Neil) Hagan (Savannah, GA), and Anita Curry (Daytona Beach, FL); great aunts, Shirley Shubert (Savannah GA), Janice Shubert (Augusta, GA), Juanita Williams (Hinesville, GA), and Roseann Grice (Savannah, GA); with a host of other aunts and uncles. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a special friend, Joanna and a host of friends who will miss him dearly.

Please don't tell me you know how I feel, unless you have lost your child too. Please don't tell me my broken heart will heal, because that is just not true. Please don't tell me my son is in a better place, Though it is true, I want him here with me. Don't tell me someday I'll hear his voice, see his face, beyond today I cannot see. Don't tell me it is time to move on, because I cannot. Don't tell me to face the fact he is gone, because denial is something I can't stop. Don't tell me to be thankful for the time I had, because I wanted more. Don't tell me when I am my old self you will be glad, I'll never be as I was before. What you can tell me is you will be here for me, that you will listen when I talk of my child. You can share with me my precious memories, you can even cry with me for a while. And please don't hesitate to say his name, because it is something I long to hear everyday. Friend, please realize that I can never be the same, but if you stand by me.

Love, Mom

## ***Order of Service***

**Bro. Stanley Shootes, Presiding**

**Song Leader** ..... Bro. Stanley Shootes

**Processional** ..... "Soon and Very Soon"

**Invocation** ..... Bro. Willie Temple

**Scripture** ..... Bro. Chester Orr

**Group Selection** .....

**Resolution &**

**Poem from Daughter "Jady"** ..... Sis. Linda Smith

**Acknowledgements** ..... Sis. Linda Smith

**Remarks** ..... (2 Minutes Please)

**Selection** ..... "Oh What A Time"

**Words of Comfort** ..... Bro. Al Jackson

**Recessional** ..... "I'll Fly Away"

## ***Interment***

Restlawn Cemeteries