

## *Flower Attendants*

Family and Friends



## *Acknowledgements*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend would say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all; just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you very  
much, whatever the part. May God bless each of you.  
~ The Family

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# *A Celebration of Life*

*Mr. Donnell Wescott Stukes*



*Sunrise*

December 16, 1977

*Sunset*

December 26, 2019

*Service*

11:00 AM, Saturday, January 4, 2020

***St. Stephens A.M.E. Church***

913 W 5th Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32209  
***Pastor Herman Grant, Officiating***



# Obituary

*"I'm home now sitting on the front porch in Heaven."*

**Mr. Donnell Wescott Stukes** "What they do!" was his greeting to all who knew him. A debonair he was! He was born on December 16th, 1977 in Brooklyn, New York to Mr. Ronald Lewis Stukes and Ms. Deborah Lois Wescott. From a early age, Donnell believed in doing things his way. That famous song we all hear, *'I Did It My Way'*, now that was Donnell W. Stukes!

At a early age, Donnell accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was a son, father, and brother who loved his family. He attended Emanuel A.M.E Church in Charleston, South Carolina where his late grandmother, Mrs. Rose Wescott, was a member. He served on the Usher Board and attended Burke High School before moving to Jacksonville, Florida to live with his late great-grandmother, Mrs. Laura Stukes, member of St. Stephens A.M.E. Church where she served on the Steward Board. Mrs. Iness Scarborough, her sister, sang in the choir. Donnell graduated from both Mandarin High School and Frank H. Peterson Academics schools with a certificate in Brick Masonry, but his love was in retail and he was good at it! He had a heart of gold. If you asked, he would have given you his shirt off of his back and the shoes off of his feet.

**Donnell's** health began to fail in May 2018. He always put others first and he always had a smile on his face. On December 26th, 2019, his health failed him. *"I'm sitting on the front porch now, watching from Heaven."*

**Donnell** was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Mrs. Laura Stukes; great-grandfather, Mr. Blaney L. Stukes; grandmother, Mrs. Rose Wescott; grandfather, Mr. Leon Townsend; uncle, Mr. Layton Allford aka "Butt"; and great grand-aunt, Mrs. Iness Scarborough.

**Donnell** leaves to cherish his memories his parents, Mr. Ronald L. Stukes (Betty) and Mrs. Deborah Lois Wescott; fiancée, Ms. Katina Harris aka "Cokko"; daughter, Ms. Dontriana Stukes; son, Kevon Stukes; granddaughter, Ms. Javonte Veronica Stukes; brothers, Mr. Ronald L. Stukes, II (Avis), and Mr. Eric Stukes (Rhonda); grandmother, Mrs. Barbara Townsend; aunts, Mrs. Rhonda Glenn (Kenneth), Mrs. Carol Watson (Sidney), Mrs. Diane Troutman (Albert), and Mrs. Tanya Thompson (Joaquin); uncle, Mr. Kevin Allford (Verna); stepmother, Mrs. Sharon Meeks DeBouse; stepbrother, Mr. Christopher D. Hanna; stepdaughter, Ms. Mechela Boatwright; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Order of Service

**Processional** ..... *"We Have Come This Far By Faith"*

**Hymn** ..... *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

**Invocation** ..... Sister Tanya Thompson

**Selection** ..... Choir

## Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Deacon Kenneth Glenn

New Testament ..... Deacon Kenneth Glenn

**Solo** ..... Sister Jasmine Jallohe

## Reflections

Bro. Kevin Allford

Sis. Verna Patton

Bro. Joaquin Thompson, Sr.

**Resolution & Acknowledgments** ..... Pastor Gloria Grant  
True Light Ministries

**Selection** ..... Choir

**Eulogy** ..... Pastor Herman Grant  
True Light Ministries

**Recessional** ..... *"Goin' Up Yonder"*