

GENTLE GIANT

A gentle giant it suites you well,
your laugh and smile they were heartfelt.

One snap or clap would spark a song,
the tune you had will always live on.

A mentor, a friend or listening ear you shared
with so many both near and dear.

Your will to live, was like a national title and day by
day, you were fighting the battle.

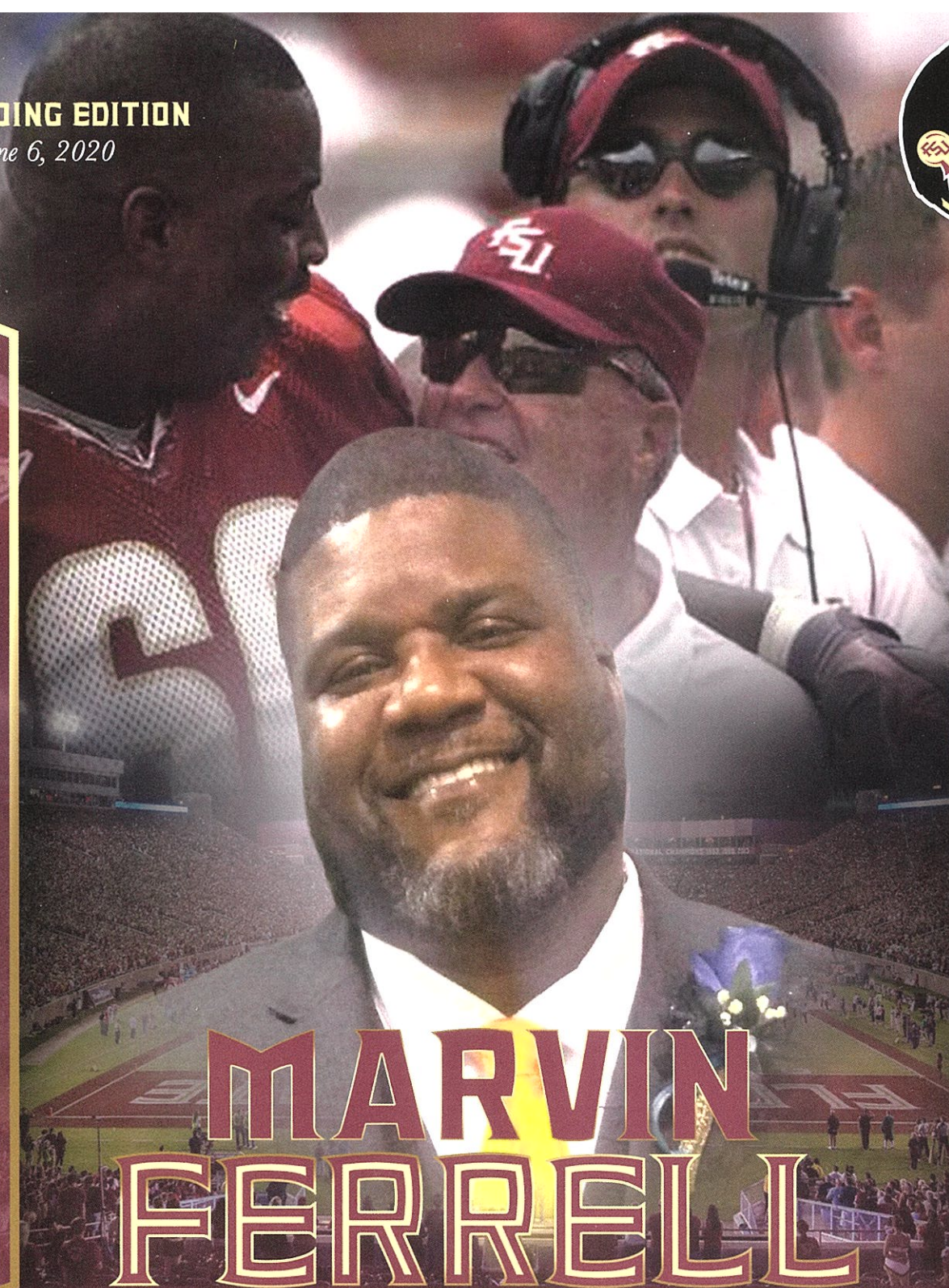
On May 25th, 4th quarter arrived reality hit
you were out of downs.

No need for replay, the whistle was blown
God descended from heaven to carry you home.

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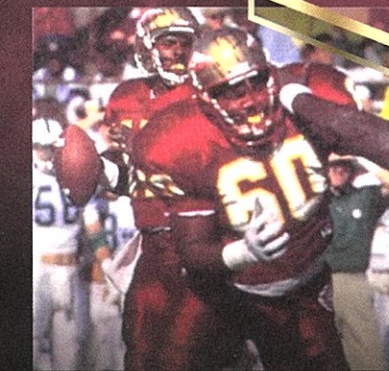
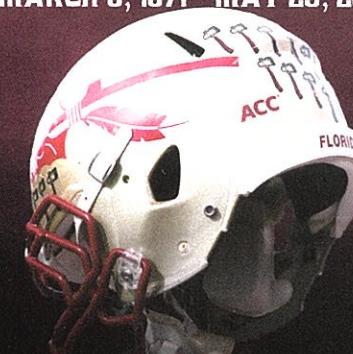


MARVIN FERRELL

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BOBBY BOWDEN: *I've had thousands of boys, but the best thing I can say about [Ferrell] is he was never a problem.*



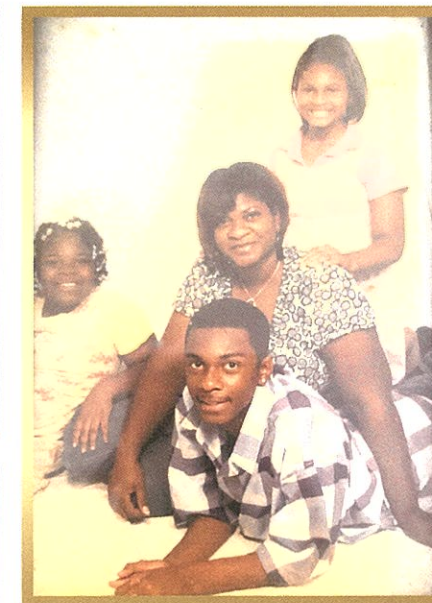
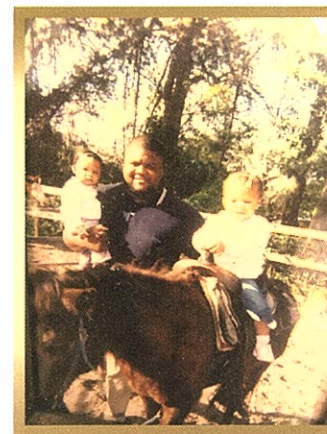
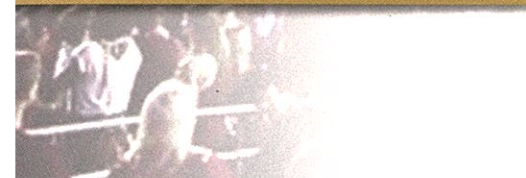
LIFE AND LEGACY of MARVIN FERRELL

Marvin "Pokey" Ferrell Jr. was born in Jacksonville, FL on March 9, 1971 to the late Marvin Ferrell Sr. and the late Pamela Sutton. Also preceded him in death his grandmothers Corine "Nana" Parker and Caldonia Ferrell, brother Robert Sutton Jr., sister LuShanna Sutton and Godson DeMarcus Denny. He attended Duval County Public Schools graduating from William M. Raines Senior High School Class of 1989, where he was a Super 24 Choice in 1988. A Parade All-American in his final high school season, Marvin was recruited to be a tight end at Florida State University, but switched to right tackle as a junior and earned All-ACC team honorable mention in 1993 as a right tackle under the leadership of Legendary Coach Bobby Bowden. That same year, achieving the National Championship Title. Marvin started 20 games as an offensive tackle, including all 13 games that season. He graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science/Social Welfare in the summer of 1994.

On June 4, 1994, Marvin started his career with Associated Marine Institute (AMI) in Tallahassee, FL. He held various positions throughout the organization and most recent Executive Director. He won numerous awards, most recently Executive Director of the Year 2019. During his career he earned a Master of Science in Social Work from Nova Southeastern University.

Marvin was a member of Eternity Temple Firstborn Church of the Living God Palmetto, FL.

He leaves to cherish his legacy, daughters Alexandria and Amber, son Gavin Backstrom, nephew Jacobie, nieces Tiaja and Courtney. Special nieces Tequila "Bird" Lavender, Charis "ChaCha" Scurry and Jade "Kirkekir" Kirkland. Godsons Larry Richards and Dexter Williams. A host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Special friends Heyward Golden, Carlos Valdea, Aram Wheatly, Ami French, Alice Crummer, the entire AMI Faculty, Staff and Students and The Martin Family.



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Elder Karen Ross

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PRAYER

Johnathan Ferrell

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Apostle Alma Roberts

New Testament

Benjamin Ferrell

TRIBUTE TO OUR DAD

Alexandria Ferrell & Amber Ferrell

SONG

Nia Turner

REFLECTIONS

Dr. Diana Greene

Michael Thornton

Aram Wheatley

Vaughn Young

Carlos Valdea

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Charis Scurry

SONG

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