

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Elder Anthony L. Williams*



AUGUST  
18  
1980



SEPTEMBER  
28  
2022

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

8100 NW 17th Avenue Miami, Florida 33147

*Benjamin J. Parrott, Sr., Host Pastor*

**APOSTLE A. MARQUIS HAIRSTON, SR.**  
OFFICIATING



# THE OBITUARY

## *Anthony Lamar Williams*

### AFFECTIONATELY CALLED "ANT"

*"This life and death struggle is only empowering if you are a part of it." – Kyoshi Kuromiya*

*Today, the world mourns the loss of one of God's most fearless creations.*

*Anthony was born on August 18, 1980, to Maeola Ellis Lee (d. 2000) and Frank C. Williams. He was a graduate of Miami Edison Senior High School and was a lifelong resident of Miami, Florida. From the moment he was born, Anthony faced more adversity than most could imagine. Yet, as a child he was the apple of everyone's eyes and the center of attention; not because of his health issues, but because of his beauty and his joy. He was never defined or limited by his conditions in his mind or his heart. From day one, his family lived with the knowledge that he could be taken at any time. Health experts suggested that Anthony wouldn't live to see his 10th birthday, but Anthony left this world at the age of 42. In true Anthony fashion, he defied those odds.*

*Anthony craved independence more than anything and he worked to achieve it without fear. The concern that others had for him created a bubble and he did all he could to appreciate it, but he wanted what he wanted. Being told he would never live on his own was a challenge that Anthony faced head on and proved everyone wrong. Some of his proudest moments involved showing people his apartment or the meals he cooked. The independence he craved and created was celebrated by many, including the one person who walked that very thin line of protector and inspirer. Anthony said, "Auntie, I want my own place." Even through her fear for him, his aunt, Gloria J. Williams did all she could because of her love for him. Anthony defied the odds.*

*Anthony had a faith that couldn't be shaken. This faith was displayed in his love for God, and his love for God's Church. While his mother was a member of Christian Fellowship under the pastorate of the late Pastor Charles Coleman, Anthony went to services with his Auntie at Mt. Calvary M.B. Church and then to God is Love Prayer & Mission Center under the leadership of Pastor Shirley M. Hughley. As he developed, he would serve as Apostle Hughley-Schenck's armor-bearer. In 2015, after a period of searching for a church home, Anthony united with I Love You Jesus Ministries, Inc. under the leadership of D. Lavon Williams. He was ordained as a minister and also served on the Praise Team until 2018. He loved old school Gospel music and was often viewed on social media singing, praying, and preaching. In 2014, Anthony connected with Apostle A. Marquis Hairston, Sr., who he affectionately called "Dad", and when the City Church of Charlotte, NC was founded, Anthony regularly attended virtually and became a founding member. In 2018, Anthony founded the Victory Broadcast, which is a virtual ministry of evangelism and encouragement. He was ordained to Eldership in June of 2020 in the first-ever Service of Elevation & Ordination of the Beautiful City of Zion Evangelistic Ministries, founded by Apostle Hairston. Anthony defied the odds.*

*Anthony's love of God was seen through his love of others. He never met a stranger and treated everyone with grace. He came into this world and brought us love. He came into this world and brought us joy. He came into this world and brought us understanding. But most of all, Anthony came into this world and brought us hope; a hope that we could be as brave, bold, and resilient as he was.*

*Those who remain to cherish his memory include his father Rev. Frank C. Williams and step-mom, Vera Williams of Ft. Pierce, FL; "Auntie" (second mom) Gloria J. Williams of Miami, FL; brothers, Calvin Ellis Lee of Berlin, Germany and Patrick Marquis Lee and husband, Thomas Chancey of Chattanooga, TN; sisters Mokita Carpenter and husband, Johnny of Calumet, IL, Joi Lang of Orlando, FL, Genesis Kelly and Cherise Johnson of Ft. Pierce, FL; a devoted cousin, Derrick L. Williams of Miami, FL; god-mother Shirley M. Hughley-Schenck; god-daughters Sheariah, Brittany and Brianna Latimore of Miami, FL; his extended family at Lighthouse Group Beacon of Hope, Ray Musgrove, Director; his ministry family at The City Church; and a host of other family and friends.*

# THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

## *“Remembering Anthony”*

### **PRESIDING**

D. Lavon Williams, Senior Pastor  
I Love You Jesus Ministries, Inc.  
Miami, Florida

Prelude.....Sacred Music  
Processional.....Clergy & Family  
*“Over There”*

### **CLOSING OF THE BIER**

Opening Selection.....Memorial Praise Team  
*“Anthony’s Medley”*  
Invocation.....Pastor Benjamin H. Parrott, Sr.  
Christian Fellowship M.B. Church  
Miami, Florida

### **READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

Old Testament.....Pastor Andrea Hicks-Jamison  
Cornerstone Chrisitan Center Church  
Hollywood, Florida  
*Psalm 23*

The Prophets.....Min. Jessica Howell-Salmon  
I Love You Jesus Ministries, Inc.  
Miami, Florida  
*Daniel 3:16-18*

New Testament.....Deacon LaDaryl D. Roland  
I Love You Jesus Ministries, Inc.  
Miami, Florida  
*I Corinthians 15:51-58*

Musical Selection.....Memorial Praise Team  
*“He’ll Welcome Me”*

### **REFLECTIONS**

Rev. Frank C. Williams, Father  
Mr. Calvin Lee, Brother  
Mr. Patrick M. Lee, Brother  
Sheariah, Brittany, & Brianna Latimore  
god-Daughters  
Mr. Ray Musgrove  
Director of Lighthouse Group Beacon of Hope



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Praise Dance.....*Simone Buford & India Demings*  
*Just Dance*  
*Miami/Orlando, Florida*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

From the Church & Community.....*Minister Myown O. Salmon*  
*I Love You Jesus Ministries, Inc.*  
*Miami, Florida*

From The Funeral Home.....*Range Funeral Home*

Musical Selection.....*Pastor Avery Jones*  
*"Safe In His Arms"*  
*Holy Spirit Ministries*  
*Miami, Florida*

Words of Comfort.....*Apostle A. Marquis Hairston, Sr.*  
*Primate, Beautiful City of Zion Evangelistic Ministries, Inc.*  
*Founder & Senior Pastor, The City Church of Charlotte, North Carolina*

Altar Call

Benediction & Recessional.....*Clergy & Family*  
*"Take A Trip"*

**INTERMENT**  
Dade Memorial Park  
1301 Opa Locka Blvd.  
Miami, Florida 33167

### REPASS TO FOLLOW INTERMENT

I Love You Jesus Ministries  
6965 NW 15th Avenue Miami, FL 33147  
D. Lavon Williams, Senior Pastor





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## **PALLBEARERS**

Rodney Schenck      Denmarius Erskine  
LaVictor Green      Jakobie Walker  
Angelo Schenck      Geovarney Gooden  
Martavius Durden, Jr.      LaDaryl Roland, Sr.

## **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

*Adjutants & Armorbearers*

## **FLOWER BEARERS**

*Nieces & Cousins*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly on a chair.*

*Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.*

*Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so very much, whatever the part.*

*~ The Williams Family*



## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO**

*Range Funeral Home*  
5727 NW 17th Avenue Miami, FL 33142  
(305) 691-4343

### **INTERMENT**

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1301 Opa Locka Blvd. Miami, FL 33167

## **MEMORIAL PROGRAMS & AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES**

*City Church of Charlotte, NC Media Ministry*  
[admin@citynation.org](mailto:admin@citynation.org)

### **ADDITIONAL THANKS**

*Christian Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church*  
8100 NW 17th Avenue Miami, FL 33147  
Pastor Benjamin H. Parrott Sr, Senior Pastor

*I Love You Jesus Ministries*  
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