

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Maleeq Mansa Q. Baraqa-Charles would like to thank you for the warm embraces, prayers, and encouraging words during their time of grief. Your kindness and empathy are truly invaluable.

Why your word? Your word is the power that you have to create. Your word is a gift that comes directly from God. The gospel of John in the Bible, speaking of the creation of the universe, says, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word is God." The word is not just a sound or a written symbol. The word is a force; it is the power you have to express and communicate, to think, and thereby to create the events in your life. You can speak. The word is so powerful that one word can change a life or destroy the lives of millions of people. He who conquers his weakness conquers the world.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mansa Qamauh Charles

A GENTLE SOUL, REMEMBERED FOREVER



SUNRISE

October 28, 1998

SUNSET

December 29, 2024

JANUARY 7, 2025

12:00 pm
First Missionary Baptist Church
403 Caswell St, Smithfield, NC 27577



Sanders Funeral Home
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REFLECTIONS

On October 28, 1998, a beautiful, pure soul named Maleeq Mansa Q. Baraqa-Charles entered a chaotic and harsh world, but with him came the brightest light to ever shine upon this world.

Along with that came an abundance of love, strength, determination, intelligence, perseverance, and joy. He was born to parents Lisa Vinson Charles and Jason Charles in New York City.

Mansa attended Smithfield Selma High School where he enrolled in the junior ROTC program and worked his way up the ranks to Junior Seaman. After graduating from high school in June of 2016, he was accepted to and enrolled at Peace University with a focus in Psychology. He later discovered his passion for computer science and transferred to Shaw University to pursue an associate's degree in computer science. He then finished out at Eastern Carolina University where he continued his studies in the field of computer science. Following the completion of school, he later moved on to begin a career at UPS. Throughout his life, Mansa loved nothing more than spending time with his family, focusing on his health, working out, spending his time doing what he loved i.e. cooking, movies, fine dining, and video games with his siblings. He was a bright and kind individual but anyone that knew Mansa, knew about his loving but blunt sense of humor. Mansa also dedicated time towards serving those in need whether it be elderly care, or time at the local Greenville food kitchen. He had an immense passion for cooking, starting his own copyright business, working out daily, and of course movies. He was lovingly known to his family as "New New or Man Man".

On December 29th, 2024, our most precious, godly blessing had his light dimmed and transferred that light into the heavenly stars. He was called home to be with Allah. بَارِكِ اللَّهُ فِيهِ أَبَدًا (May Allah forever bless him, welcome him with open arms, and be pleased by his steps!) Well done, New New!

Mansa is survived by his parents, Lisa Vinson Charles and Jason Charles; godmother, Adrienne Phifer; siblings, Shawnda, Khomali, Shadi, brother-in-law Delon, Jason Jr, Maverick, Harleigh, Jackson; nephews, Khomali Jr, Dakota, Dominick; grandmothers, Martha and Marie. Mansa also leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. His family and friends will miss him more than words can say. There are no words that can express just how much the sound of his voice and his presence will be missed. We will forever love and honor you. Sleep well and in peace, our bright and beautiful star.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Reverend McPhell and Family

Song

Al-Faatiha (Islamic Opening Prayer)

Shadi Vinson (brother) and Lisa Vinson Charles (mother)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1:21; Ecclesiastes 3:1-4; Isaiah 41:1; Psalm 34:18; Psalm 73:26

Delon Gifth (brother-in-law) and Shawnda Gifth (sister)

Musical Tribute

Obituary

Remarks and Tributes

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor McPhell

Mortician's Brief

Recessional

