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THE LEGEND

A Celebration of Life

Saturday,
May 16, 2026
1:00 p.m.

The Life Center Church
1925 Valway Road NW
Lenoir, NC 28645
Pastor Dr. Terry Hunt - Eulogist



Mr. Joseph Alexander
CUNNINGHAM

Sunrise: February 17, 2004 · Sunset: May 8, 2026



Joseph Alexander Cunningham, affectionately known as "Jobie," passed away on May 8, 2026, at the age of 22. Born on February 17, 2004, Joe was a bright spirit with a heart that welcomed everyone he met. His joyful presence illuminated the lives of those around him, and his absence leaves a profound void in the hearts of family, friends, and community alike.

Joe graduated from Freedom High School in 2022 and pursued higher education at Western Carolina University, where he worked diligently to complete his degree. His dedication to both his studies and personal growth was evident to all who knew him.

In his career, Joe worked at Complete Kidz in Morganton, where his natural warmth and humor made him cherished among coworkers and families. His ability to bring light-heartedness and kindness to the workplace left an enduring impression. Additionally, his tenure at McCain Funeral Home & Cremations was marked by deep compassion and sensitivity, as he offered comfort and support to families during their most difficult times.

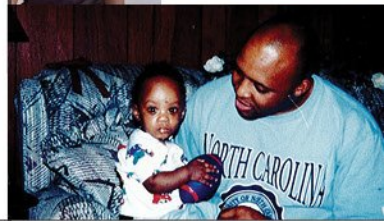
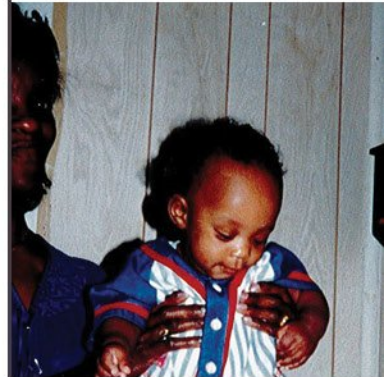
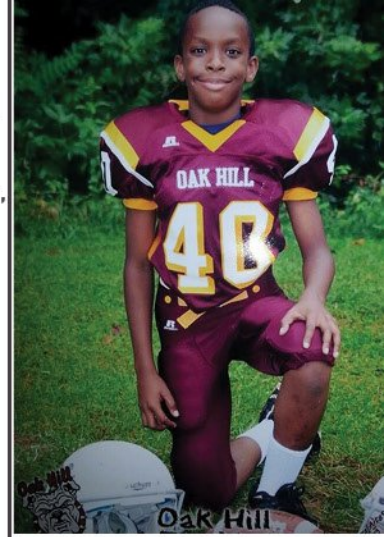
Joe's personality was nothing short of radiant. Known for his infectious smile, quick wit, and good-natured humor, he had a remarkable gift for

bringing laughter into any room. His kindness and openness made others feel truly seen and valued. Those fortunate enough to know him carry cherished memories forged by his sharp, yet always loving, sense of humor and his genuine care for others.

Joe touched countless lives during his 22 years, forming meaningful connections wherever he went. He will be remembered not only as a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew, coworker, and friend but most importantly as a joyful soul whose presence made the world a brighter place.

He is survived by his mother, Grace Rizzitano; stepfather, James Rizzitano; brother, Elijah Cunningham; sister-in-law, Jasmine Cunningham; niece, Zhavia Cunningham; Justice Cunningham; grandmother, Clara McLean; and uncle, John McLean. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Alonzo Eugene Cunningham and maternal grandfather Rev. Moses McLean.

Joe will be deeply missed by all who loved and cherished him. His memory endures in the laughter he inspired, the kindness he embodied, and the love he so freely gave. He leaves behind a legacy of joy and compassion that will continue to brighten the lives of those fortunate enough to have known him.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL Clergy & Family

Receiving of Friends – 12:00 p.m. – 12:55 p.m.

The Final Glance – Funeral Director in Charge

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Pastor Terry Hunt

SCRIPTURE READINGS:
Old Testament Reading
Pastor Cliniece Bradshaw

New Testament Reading
Rev. Moore

MUSICAL SELECTION
Mrs. Kristy Poteat & Mrs. Felicia Maddox

Reading of Obituary – Sis. Adrienne Dula

Words of Inspiration – Pastor George Logan

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES: 2 MIN PLEASE
Justice Cunningham
Jacob Caldwell
Demarcus Lowrance
Christopher Hensley

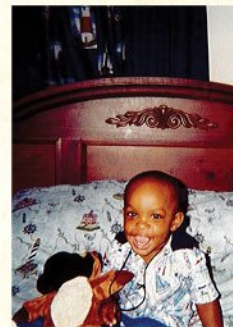
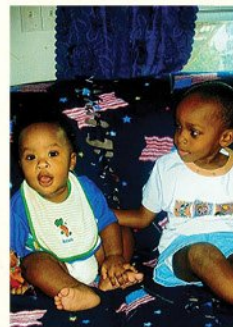
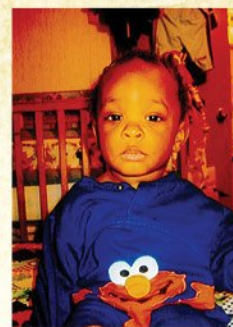
MUSICAL SELECTION
Pastor Wesley Hendrix

EULOGY
Pastor Dr. Terry Hunt

Mortician's Brief – McCain Funeral Home & Cremations

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legacy of strength
and character.*



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Floral Bearers
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Casket Bearers
Jaylen Burgess
Jacob Caldwell
Elijah Cunningham
Justice Cunningham
Jamyon Hampton
Christopher Hensley
Trey Ledford
Demarcus Lowrance
Tiras Walker

Gracious Acknowledgements

The family of **Joseph Alexander Cunningham** wishes to express their deepest gratitude for your prayers, love, and support during this difficult time. Your kindness brings comfort as we celebrate his beautiful life. Your light remains, though you have gone, in every heart you touched. Love does not end, it carries on, and you were loved so much

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family of the late **Mr. Joseph Alexander Cunningham**

Professional Services Entrusted To:

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*He wore his crown
with dignity,*



*Joe
Cunningham
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