

September 13
1956



February 6
2026

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

Marvin Deroy
ROBINSON

• SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 •
Visitation 12:30 pm / Service 1:00 pm

• Rev. Dr. Clarence Laney, Jr., Officiant •
• Rev. James F. Parker, Eulogist •

Shiloh Christian Church
211 Durham St., Smithfield, NC 27577

OBITUARY

Marvin Deroy Robinson was born on September 13, 1956, to Ruby Jewell Raiford Robinson and Jesse Ray Robinson, both of whom preceded him in death. He departed this life on Friday, February 6th. He lived a life marked by gratitude, quiet strength, and devotion to family. Throughout his later days, Marvin consistently gave thanks to God, often saying with sincerity and peace, "Thank you, Jesus."

Marvin shared 11 years with his beloved, Billie Rand Robinson. In a powerful testament to their commitment, the two were recently married, choosing love, faith, and one another during a tender and sacred season of life. He was also a devoted father to his son, Jared Lloyd, of Durham, North Carolina, and a beloved father figure to Kathryn Hunter Hayes, of Wendell, North Carolina.

Marvin graduated from Smithfield-Selma Senior High School in Smithfield, North Carolina, in 1974, where he served as the high school band's drum major. He was known for his charisma and charm. Marvin valued education and lifelong learning. He attended North Carolina Central University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry. He was accepted into and attended the UNC School of Dentistry at UNC-Chapel Hill, a testament to his academic excellence and commitment to advancement. Marvin later completed his Master's Degree in Information Science, graduating magna cum laude, with a minor in Project Management. His discipline, intellect, and perseverance shaped both his professional success and his character.

Marvin devoted nearly 30 years of his professional life to the manufacturing industry. He worked at Nortel Telecommunications in Research Triangle Park for five years, followed by positions at Solectron Inc. and other manufacturing organizations. Most notably, Marvin dedicated 20 years of faithful service to Berry Global Inc./Magna in Benson, North Carolina, where he worked until illness required him to go on short-term disability in December 2025. He was respected for his knowledge, work ethic, and steady, dependable presence.

Raised in the Church of God of Prophecy, where his grandmother, Pastor Mildred Raiford Sanders, pastored, Marvin grew up surrounded by faith, as his mother and her sisters devoted their lives to the church and to God's service. Though he had always known about God, Marvin fully dedicated his life to the Lord while on his sickbed, and in that sacred season, his faith became personal, unwavering, and deeply rooted.

He held a special place in his heart for his dear late Aunt Pauline, who lived next door to him. Marvin's special nickname for her was "Shuga". He faithfully checked on her and made sure she was always well.

Marvin was known as "Grits" to a close group of friends, a nickname spoken with affection and familiarity, always bringing smiles and knowing laughter.

Some of Marvin's favorite memories were Thanksgiving family gatherings, where we would feast on delicious meals, sing one song after another, laugh endlessly, share stories, and enjoy one another's company without pause. Music filled the room, joy filled our hearts, and the laughter never seemed to stop. And no gathering ever felt complete unless Marvin played "Charlie Brown," a tradition he was famous for and one that always brought smiles and excitement to everyone present.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Billie Rand Robinson; son, Jared Lloyd (Teandra); his sister, Reverend Mary Ann Crandell of Raleigh; his stepdaughter, Chardonay Latta Floyd; and his seven grandchildren. He is also survived by a circle of special cousins, including Lonnie Barfield, James Parker, Mavis Graham, Adrienne Allen, Handy Eason, Frank Parker, Jeffery McIver, Lafayette Atkinson, and Ava Gaines. He is further survived by a host of other cousins, relatives, friends, and coworkers who loved him dearly.

Marvin Deroy Robinson will be remembered for his faith, humility, intellect, devotion to family, love of music, and for the simple yet powerful words, "Thank you, Jesus," which he often spoke in his final days. His legacy lives on through the love he gave, the music he shared, and the quiet strength with which he walked his journey.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Clarence Laney, Jr.

Congregational Hymn, *When We All Get to Heaven*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament, Psalms 121
Pastor Otis McAllister, III, brother-in-law

New Testament, John 14:1-7
Pastor D'Jarvis Ealine Powell, cousin

Prayer of Comfort

Special Musical Selections

"Thanksgiving Family" Crew

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Bonita Graham, cousin

Special Remarks

Reverend Mary Ann Crandell, sister

Reflections

Patrick Graham, cousin
Ricardo Hamilton, friend
Al Ingram, friend
Ricky Scotton, Esq., friend

Special Selection

Shaed Parker, cousin

Eulogy

Rev. James F. Parker, cousin

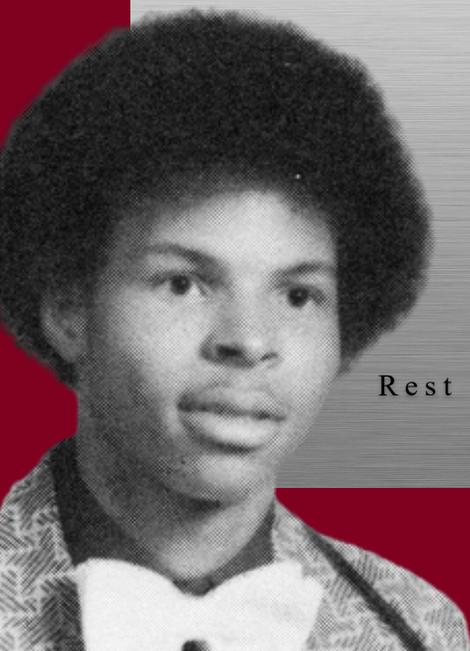
Congregational Hymn, *It Is Well*

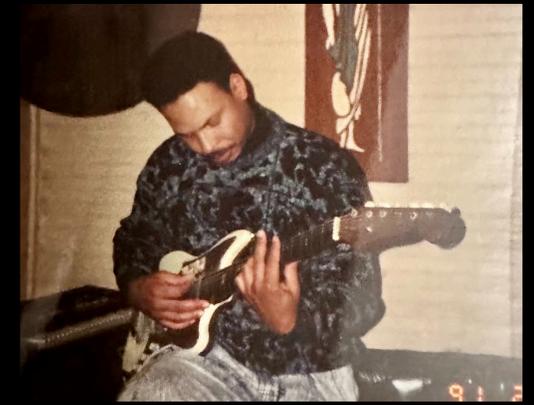
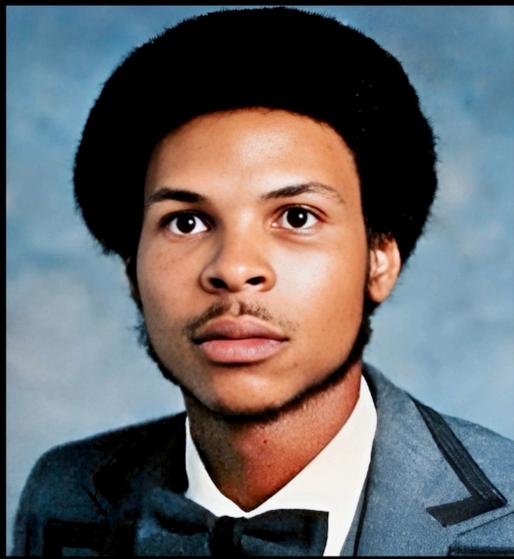
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Recessional

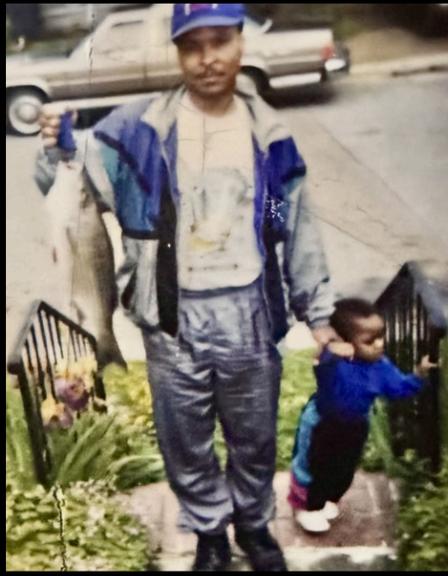
Internment

Rest Haven Cemetery, 12th St., Smithfield, NC











In Loving Memory

Marvin was a devoted son, father, grandfather, cousin, and friend whose presence filled every room with warmth. He found peace in fishing, casting his line into quiet waters as if time itself slowed just for him. Gifted in music, he could play several instruments, turning simple gatherings into moments of joy and harmony. He treasured the holidays most, tables full of food, laughter echoing through the house, voices lifted in song, and family close enough to reach. Though his seat may now be empty, the melody of his life will continue in every shared meal, every story told, and every memory that still makes us smile.

And now, like the eagle that once stood as his college mascot, we imagine him rising strong and free, soaring beyond what we can see. Fly high, Marvin. Your wings were always built for it.

Floral Bearers

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Pallbearers

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Expression of Gratitude

Thank you for your heartfelt expressions of sympathy. The outpouring of love you have shown has brought us tremendous comfort during this time of profound loss. For every prayer, kind word, phone call, and gesture of support, we say, "Thank you." Your love is deeply appreciated and will forever be remembered by the family of Marvin Deroy Robinson.

Professional Services Entrusted to

Sanders Funeral Home

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