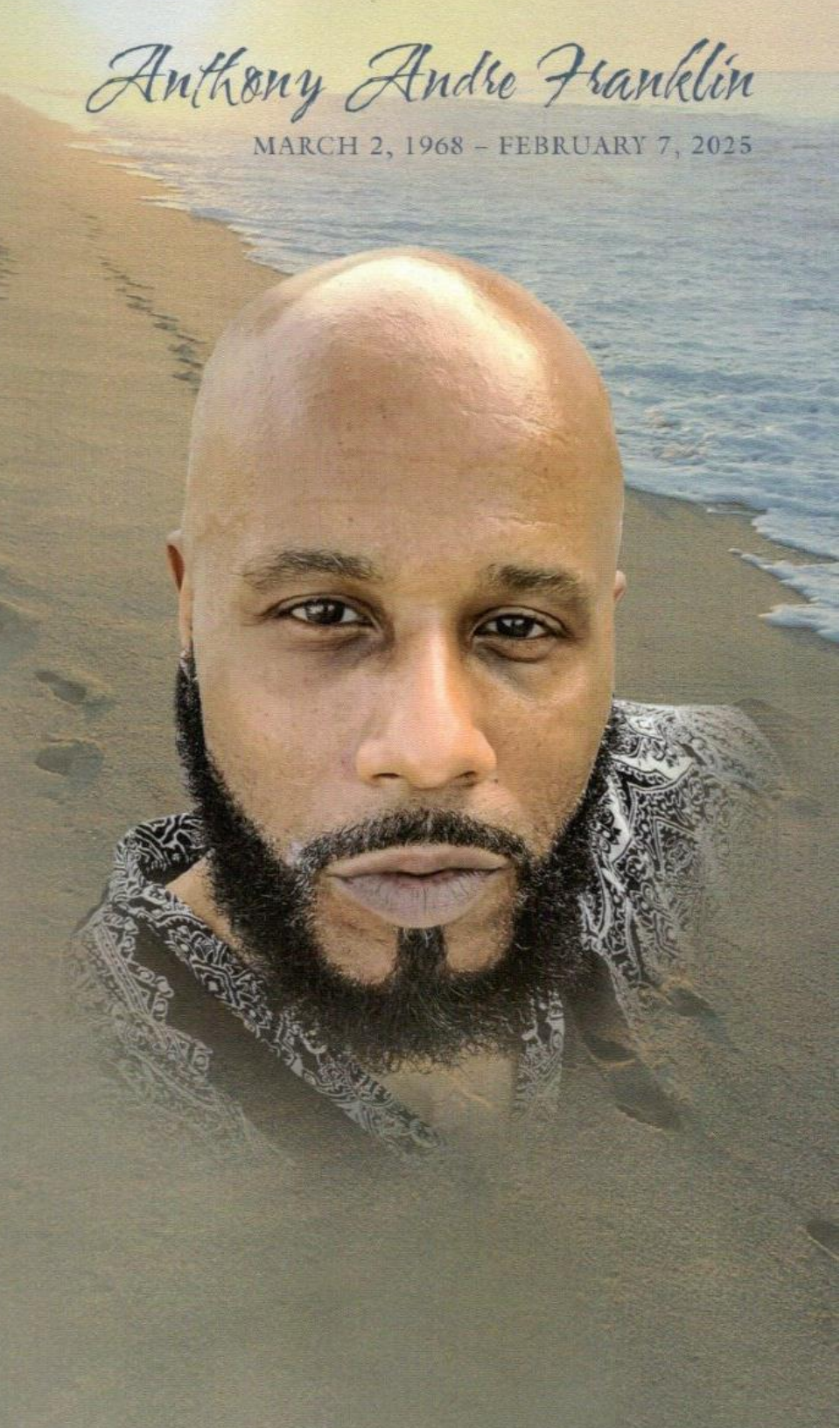
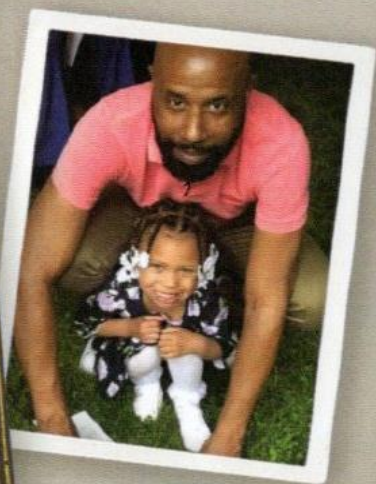
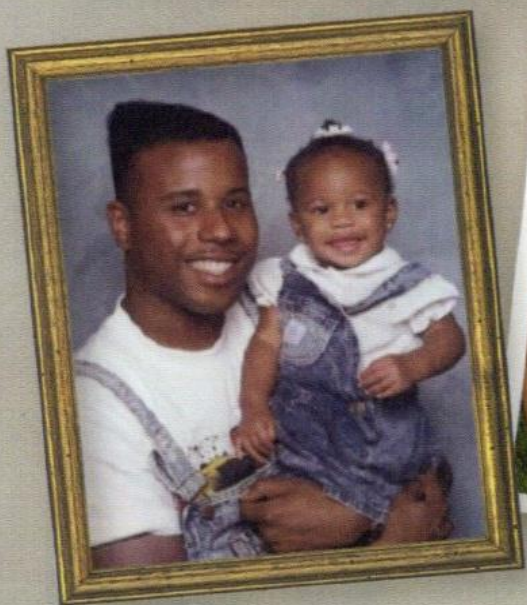


Anthony Andre Franklin

MARCH 2, 1968 – FEBRUARY 7, 2025





Obituary

Anthony Andre Franklin, 56, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Miami, Florida, with his mother at his bedside.

Anthony was born on March 2, 1968, at the Coatesville Hospital, Coatesville, PA, to his loving parents, Terrence E. Franklin and LaVonna Gaines Franklin.

He was raised in Coatesville. Anthony graduated from the Coatesville Area Senior High School, class of 1986.

During his high school years, he was on the swim and track teams and ROTC.

Anthony graduated with honors.

He attended Widener University and Pierce College. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany during the Gulf War. Upon receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1993, he relocated to the Philadelphia area. He also lived in New York, and most recently resided in Florida.

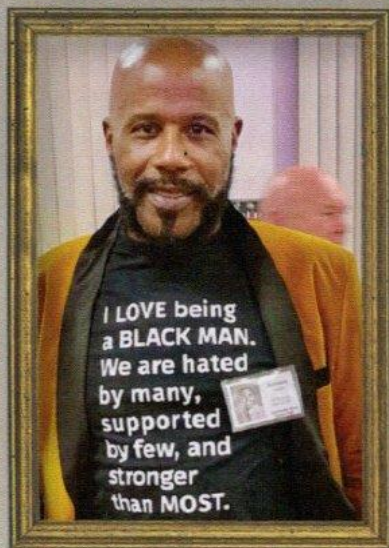
Anthony, known as "Bun-Bun," "Smoke," and "Tony," was employed at National Debt Relief in New York as a Debt Consultant.

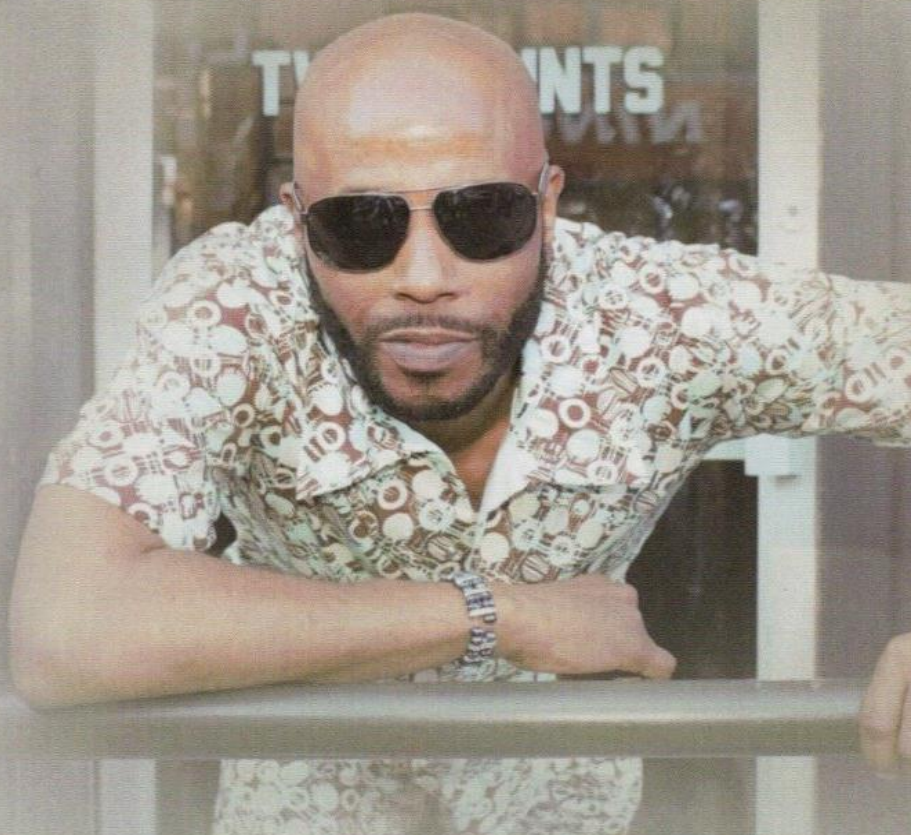
In addition to his parents, Anthony is survived by his former wife, Denise Caldwell; daughter, Verranda Caldwell Franklin "Starra"; granddaughter, Skylar Wilson "Princess"; sister, Serena Parker (Walter) of Delaware; niece, Jasmyn Parker "Cookie" of Delaware; aunts/uncles, Frances Gaines Hamilton of North Carolina, Mark Jackson (Khadja) of Pennsylvania, Therman Gaines (Rose) of Texas, Rene Anderson, Larry Franklin, and Gary Franklin (Faith) all of PA; and godmother, Hattie Johnson of PA; cousins, Dana Anderson (Desiree) of KY, Troy Gaines of NC, and Iman Jackson-Alston (Sam) of FL, and a host of many cousins, other relatives, and friends.

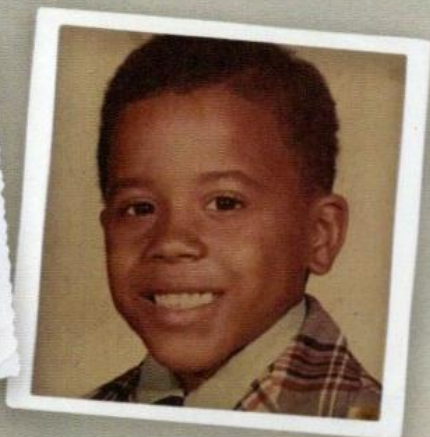
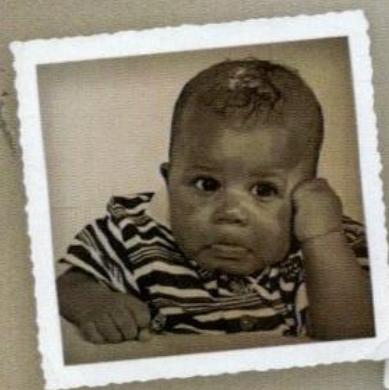
He also leaves a bonus aunt and uncles: Kimberly (Duane) Graveno and Warren Southern; special friends/brothers who stood by his side throughout: Qwynn, Corey, CJ, Steven, Gregg, Damon, and Howard. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Therman Gaines, Sr., Doris Gaines; paternal grandparents, Robert Franklin, Fegger Benjamin, Mary Alice Franklin; aunt, Delores Franklin, and uncle, Charles Anderson.

He will be deeply missed.

Sorrowfully Submitted, The Family







Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Officiant	Pastor Ricky Wilson
Final Viewing	
Opening Song.....	"I Won't Complain"
Scripture Reading	
<i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</i>	Talia Gross
Prayer of Comfort	Talia Gross
Reading of Cards and the Obituary	Troy Gaines
Music Selection	"Oh How I Love The Name Jesus"
Reflections (2 Minutes)	Kim Robinson Troy Gaines
Music Selection	"Here My Voice" ?
Eulogy	Pastor Ricky Wilson
Remarks	Ventnor Wright
Committal Service	
Recessional	Clergy & Family

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Friday, February 21, 2025

10:00 AM Viewing | 12:00 Noon Service

SERVICE LOCATION

Second Baptist Worship Center

857 Lumber Street

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Dr. James L. Smith, Pastor

PALLBEARERS

Troy Gaines

Dana Anderson

Conrad Bush

Clint Bush

Ronald Stewart

Curt McCray

Maurice Holmes

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Larry Franklin

Gary Franklin

Terrance L. Franklin

Robert Franklin

David Wilson

Sam Alston

FLOWER BEARERS

Shelly Mills

Lisa Burton

Talia Gross

Anela Gross

Shatoya Gaines

Iman Jackson-Alston

Tamara Gaines

Kenya Gamble

Koleen Chamberlain

Danesha Anderson

Jasmyn Parker

Asia Dabner

Kim Robinson

Destiny Gaines

Skylar Wilson

INTERMENT

WITH MILITARY HONORS

Church of Christ Cemetery

750 Doe Run Road

Coatesville, Pennsylvania

REPAST

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

107 S. 17th Ave. | Coatesville, Pennsylvania

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. Thank you all for your support and love. May God bless you.

Sincerely, The Family



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