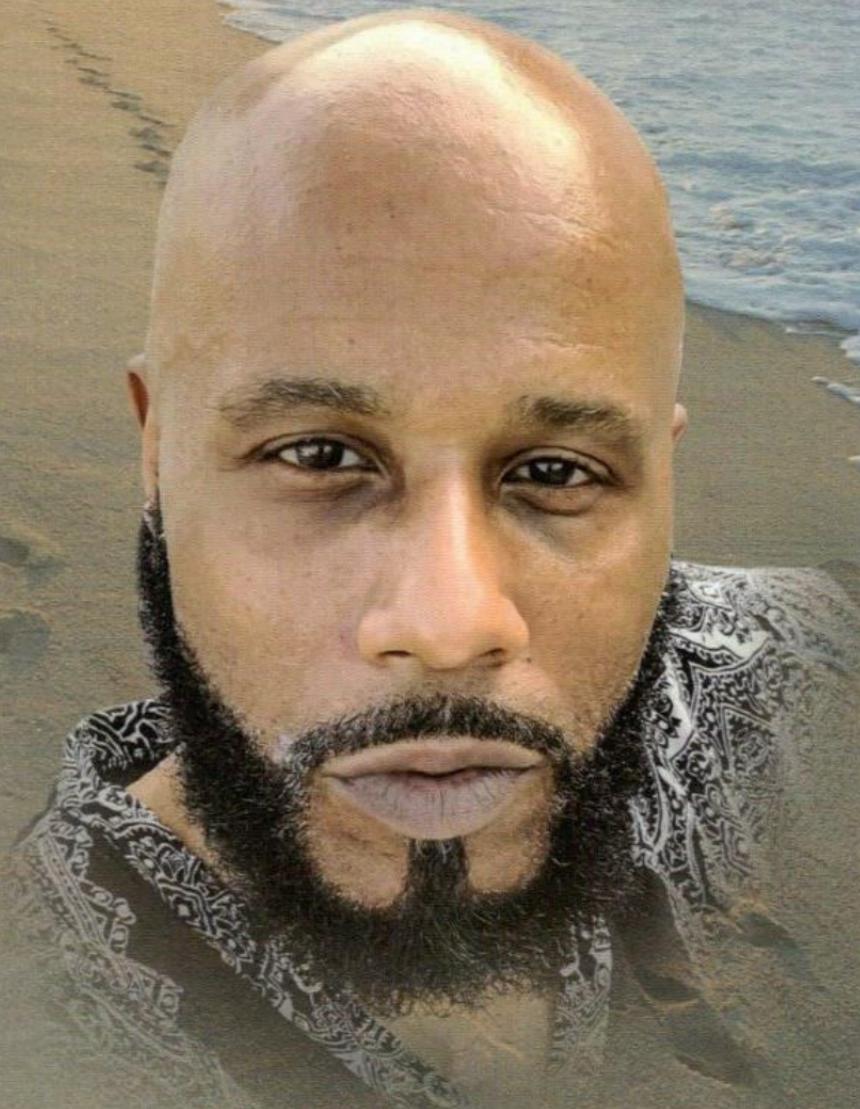
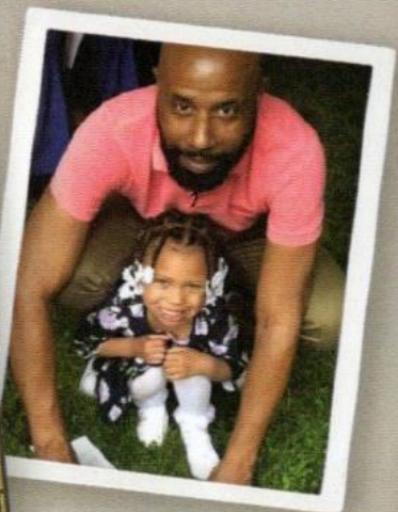
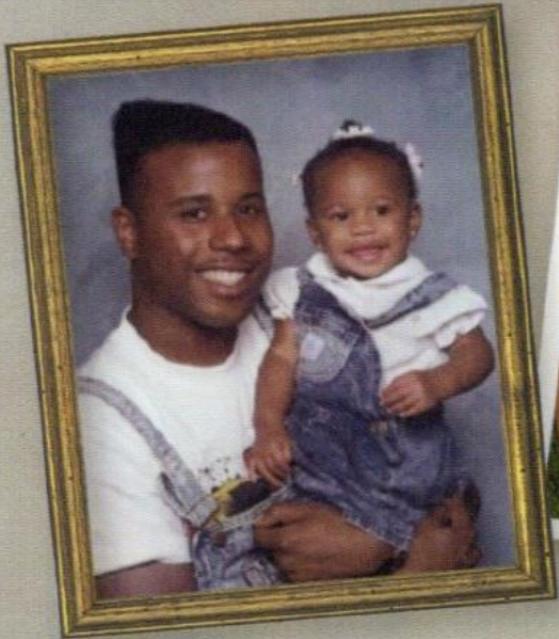


*Anthony Andre Franklin*

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.

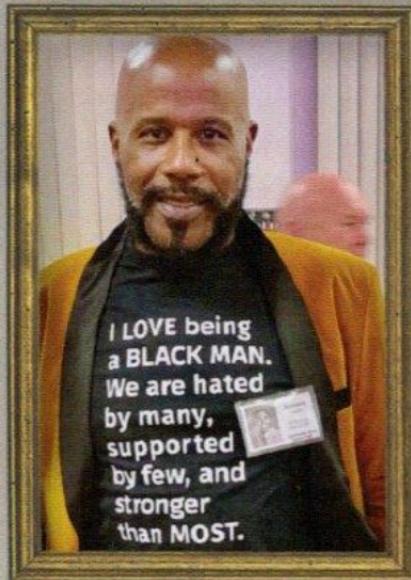
In addition to his parents, Anthony is survived by his former wife, Denise Caldwell; daughter, Verranda Caldwell Franklin "Starra"; granddaughter, Skylar Wilson "Princess"; sister, Serena Parker (Walter) of Delaware; niece, Jasmyn Parker "Cookie" of Delaware; aunts/uncles, Frances Gaines Hamilton of 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.

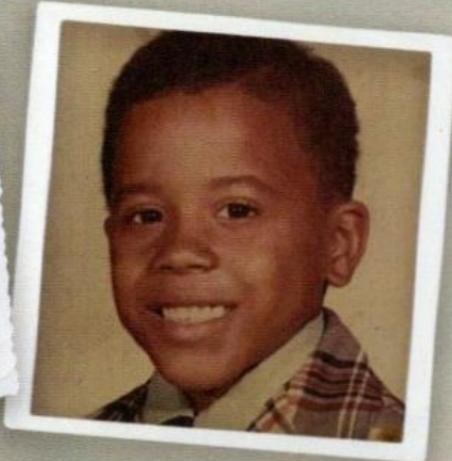
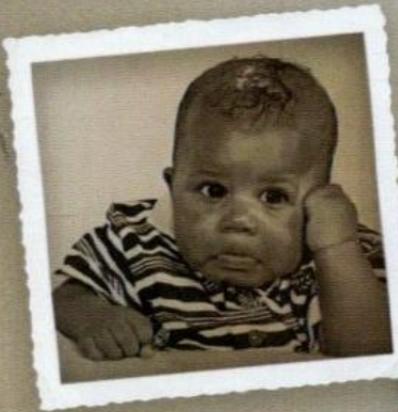
He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Therman Gaines, Sr., Doris Gaines; paternal grandparents, Robert Franklin, Fegger Benjamin, Mary Alice Franklin; aunt, Delores Franklin, and uncle, Charles Anderson.

He will be deeply missed.

Sorrowfully Submitted, The Family







## *Order of Service*

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

## 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      Jasmyne 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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