

If I Should Go Tomorrow

If I should go tomorrow
It would never be goodbye,
For I have left my heart with you,
So don't you ever cry.
The love that's deep within me,
Shall reach you from the stars,
You'll feel it from the heavens,
And it will heal the scars.



Pallbearers

Devin Ward
Stephen Wright
James Epps
Terrence Goodridge

Raymond L. Burston, Jr.
Robert Badgett
Donald Grady
Albert Day

Acknowledgement

The family is grateful for the many acts of sympathy and kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement.



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Celebration of the Life of

Raymond L. Burston, Jr.

February 1, 1958



October 1, 2024



Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 11 AM

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME

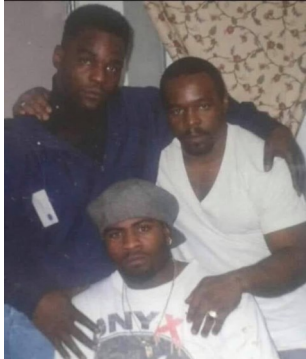
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Life Reflections

Raymond Burston was born on February 1, 1958, to Charlene Badgett and Raymond Burston, Sr. in Boston, Massachusetts. Growing up in Mission Hill the oldest of 9 children. Being small framed he embraced physical fitness and boxing at the gym, and it showed. Raymond was one of the fittest people I ever met, perfect in size and stature.



Raymond attended Boston Public schools then trade school eventually joining the Army Reserve, where he was honorably discharged. When Raymond returned home from the army, he fell in love with his daughter Lakia Blunt's mother Weltha. Becoming a first-time dad Raymond naturally was protective of his daughter along with his siblings. Lakia and Raymond developed a strong bond, and it was unbreakable. He would later meet his then wife Jeradell Milton (Jerry) Gilliard. From this union they had Raymond L. Burston, Jr. five years later.

Raymond worked for Tufts University for many years. He also worked for the Salvation Army, AM-Vets and Goodwill. In 2011 Raymond accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior during his walk with Christ, he left his worldly problems to God. His obedience from suffering was gone, all that was left was joy. Raymond enjoyed talking with Ma, family and friends, connecting with his loved ones on social media, watching movies, preparing home cooked meals, and buying shrimp egg foo young and white rice just about every other day. He enjoyed outings, watching the skyline and enjoying his favorite tv show Judge Judy.

He is preceded in death by his parents Charlene Badgett and Raymond L. Burston, Sr., sisters Sharlene Burston, Stephanie Shants, Sharilee Banks, his brother Rodney Burston, nephew Troy Burston and daughter Lakia Blunt.

Raymond leaves to mourn his brothers Reynard Burston, Stephen Wright and Joseph Burston. Sister Stacey Burston-Ward. Children Raymond L. Burston, Jr., and Anthony Gilliard. Nieces Jalila (Mario) Jack, Stephanie Shanks, Allegra Jones, Shardae Burston Johnson, Shaquia Bates, Chavelle Young, Jaida Wright, Shennelle Wright. Nephews Juan Shanks, Jr., and Devin Ward. Great nieces Adiva Jack, Alexis Burston, Jolinda Burston, Tashani Burston, Ashanti Burston; great-nephews Aiden Jack, Ethan Jack, Terrence Goodridge and Gerald Simmons. He also leaves behind a loving host of aunts, uncles, extended family and dear friends.

Order of Service

John 14:1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."



Invocation		Rev. Wayne S. Daley
Opening Hymn	"Blessed Assurance"	
Scriptures	Old Testament	Philippians 4:19
	New Testament	Matthew 6:19
Selection		
Remarks	2 Minutes Please	Family & Friends
Obituary		Stephen Wright
Selection		
Eulogy		Rev. Wayne S. Daley
Benediction		Rev. Wayne S. Daley
Recessional		

Interment

Oak Lawn Cemetery
427 Cummins Hwy, Roslindale

Repast

You are cordially invited to join the family at their residence following the interment