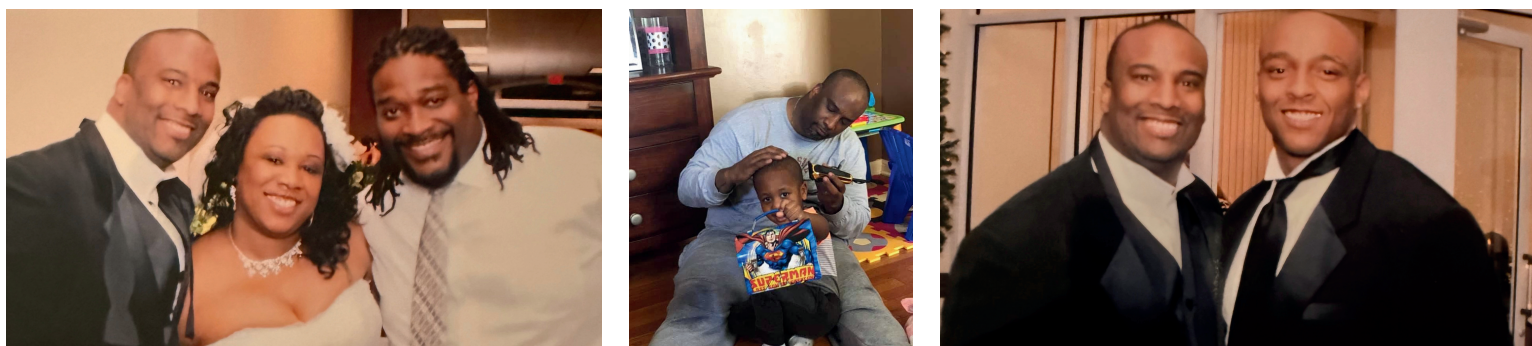


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THE LIFE Celebrating & LEGACY

Christopher “Chris” Xavier Starks was born in Rock Hill of York County, SC, on May 15th, 1978. He was the first-born son of the late Bobbie Dean Starks and Gloria Harris Starks. He transitioned to be with his Heavenly Father on July 9th, 2026.

He was preceded in death by his fur baby Kingston King, father Bobbie Dean Starks, his grandparents: David Lewis Starks, Classie Mae Starks, Lewis Harris and Lula Harris.

Chris was survived by his Wife Valencia “Anita” Starks, Daughters Aerial Symone Starks and Alycia Shad’e (Randy) Strother Jr., Grandson Caleb Christopher Starks, Fur baby Paris Rose “Toot Toot” Starks, Mother Gloria Harris Starks, Brother Nicholas Starks, Nieces Zaariah Nickeah Starks and Talia Pugh, Nephew Jonathan Alexander King, Bonus Daughter Zahria J. Gamble, God son Carter P. Brown, Aunts Lillie Newman, Valerie Thomas and Gwendolyn (James) Brown, Mother-In-Law Doris Ann Trapp, Fathers-In-Law Donzell M. Trapp, Johnny E. King Sr., Grandmother In Law Juanita B. McLamore, Brothers & Sister In Laws: Johnny E. King Jr, Keela King, NyTessa Trapp, Donzello Trapp, cousins and many more family members and friends.

The Man of God

Chris was a dedicated learner who valued education, personal growth, and spiritual development. He began his educational journey in the public schools of Richland School District 2 and proudly graduated from Spring Valley High School, Class of 1996. He continued his studies at Midlands Technical College before pursuing his calling in ministry at the Central Carolina School of Preaching in Sumter, SC, where he earned a Diploma in Religious Education. Chris further advanced his theological education at Tennessee Bible College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Religious Education. His commitment to learning and his faith allowed him to use his knowledge and gifts to serve God and positively impact the lives of countless others.

Chris lived a life defined by faith, dedication, and service. He believed in living a Christ-like life and being a provider for his family. For more than twenty years, he was a pillar in the automotive industry, bringing skill, passion, and reliability to his work every single day. Beyond his professional life, his faith was his guiding light. At a young age Chris knew that his mission here on earth was to teach, preach and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In August of 2013, Chris answered his calling from the Lord and began his journey of dedicated service at Windsor Lake Church of Christ. Through years of faithful commitment, he devoted himself to serving God, his church family, and those around him. After thirteen years of continuous ministry and service, Chris continued to leave a lasting impact through his love, faithfulness and dedication to his home church family at Twin City Church of Christ (Batesburg-Leesville, SC) of which he completed his ministry of the gospel over the past five years.

The Family Man

Christopher was a great man whose greatest joy came from loving and caring for the people around him. He cherished traveling, creating memories, and spending quality time with his family. His heart was happiest when surrounded by the people he loved. He is a husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, grandson, nephew and friend to many. Chris carried each of those roles with love, devotion, and pride. Chris often shared that Anita was his high school sweetheart. The two built a special friendship throughout their high school years before beginning their relationship 10 years later in 2006. They were united in marriage on January 1st, 2011, and spent their years together traveling the world, loving one another and creating countless treasured memories. Their love was a testament to commitment, friendship, and partnership. Chris always made it known that he was a proud and devoted husband.

Together Chris and Anita embraced and loved their beautiful blended family and loved all their children. They shared their lives with their two daughters, grandson, niece, nephew, godson, and bonus daughter, creating a home filled with love, laughter and support. Most of all Chris was a proud father, father-in-law, grandfather and uncle to Aerial, Alycia, Randy, Caleb, Carter, Jonathan, Zahriaa S., and Zahria G. Being present in all their lives brought him immense joy, and he treasured every opportunity to encourage, guide and love them.

Chris shared a special bond with his brother Nick, one built on the foundation of family, love and protection. As blood brothers, they were raised to stand beside one another, support each other, and always look out for one another. Their connection was a lifelong reminder of the strength found in brotherhood.

Chris also formed a deep and meaningful bond with his brother-in-law Johnny. What began as a family connection grew into a true brotherhood, as they leaned on each other for strength, wisdom, and guidance through life’s journey. Chris never viewed Johnny as just a brother-in-law; he loved him and treated him as a brother in every sense of the word.

He lovingly cared for his parents, parent-in-laws and grandparents, honoring them through his compassion, dedication and willingness to be there when they needed him most. Chris cherished his role as a son and was honored to care for and support his parents throughout his life. He took great pride in the qualities he inherited from them, often saying that he got his handsome looks from his father and his humbleness from his mother. His love was not only spoken but shown through his actions, and the impact he made on his family will continue to live on through the generations he touched.

The Finale: A Hero’s Strength and a Champion’s Heart

Chris was a true sports fanatic who brought the same passion and dedication to athletics as he did to every area of his life. He was a devoted Dallas Cowboys fan and proudly supported his team throughout every season. Football was more than a game for him. It was a place where he found brotherhood, purpose, and lifelong connections. While playing at Spring Valley High School, he formed a special bond with his teammates, whom he proudly considered brothers. The lessons learned, friendships formed and memories created on the field became a meaningful part of his life and helped shape the man he became.

In addition, Chris valued health, strength, and fellowship. He applied these values to his life by actively working out, training at the gym, and playing football alongside his brother Nick, his best friend Jeremy, teammates, and close friends. Basketball was another one of his favorite sports. Like his favorite basketball player LeBron James; Chris was the G.O.A.T in his own way. To his family and friends, Christopher was a champion of love, faith, and loyalty, leaving a lasting imprint on many of our lives. Chris will always be our Greatest of All Time.

To those who knew him, Chris’s heart was full of joy and wonder. He was a true fan of Superman, DC Universe, and Marvel Universe. His love for superheroes reflected the childlike spirit he carried throughout his life – a reminder that even in his strength and wisdom, he always embraced the joy, imagination, and excitement of the things he loved.

To many, Christopher was our very own Superman – a source of strength, encouragement, and love. He dedicated his life to helping others, sharing God’s Word, and showing compassion to everyone he encountered. While his presence on earth will be deeply missed, his love, faith, and the impact he made will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

I Wish

I wish I could see you one more time,
Come Walking through the door.
But I know that is impossible,
I will hear your voice no more.

I know you can feel my tears
And you don’t want me to cry,
Yet my heart is broken because I can’t understand
why someone so precious had to die.

I pray that God will give me strength
And somehow get me through
As I struggle with the heartache
That came when I lost you.

Brother, Nicholas Starks

Floral Bearers

Spring Valley Football Alumni



Expression of Gratitude

Thank you all for being here today to celebrate the life of our beloved Chris Starks. As I look around this room, my heart is filled with love and gratitude because your presence is a testament to the countless lives my husband touched. Seeing so many family members, friends, and loved ones gathered here reflects the impact he made through his faith, kindness, and love. Chris embodied the spirit of love and devotion. Above all else, he loved the Lord. He would often say, "I love my wife and my family, but I love God more." Those weren't just words – he lived with them every day.

He was a true servant of God. His mission on this earth was simple yet powerful: to spread the Gospel to as many people as he could by any means necessary. Whether through his words, his actions, or the way he loved others, he faithfully pointed people to Christ. He was a faithful Christian, an amazing father, and a devoted husband. I am forever grateful and deeply blessed for the years we shared together. While my heart aches because I will miss him every day, I find peace knowing that he has finished the work God called him to do.

As my husband would often say, "And Scripture says..." "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." -- 2 Timothy 4:7. Thank you all for your prayers, your love, your support, and honoring his life today. May we each continue to carry his life today. May we each continue to carry his legacy of faith, love, and service, always remembering that the greatest gift we can give is to live a life that points others to Jesus Christ.



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Christopher "Chris" XAVIER STARKS

MAY 15, 1978 - JULY 9, 2026

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026
1:30 PM

TWIN CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST
210 HIGHLAND AVENUE, BATESBURG-LEESVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29006
MINISTER MARKUS MARTIN, OFFICIATING

ORDER OF *Service*

Prelude
Amazing Grace – Hymn # 36

Processional

Obituary Reading
Lorraine Williams

Opening Prayer
Twin City Church of Christ Men

Hymn
It Is Well With My Soul – Hymn # 345

Scripture Reading
Brother Ram Ramdeen
Revelation 14:13

Hymn
Victory In Jesus – Hymn # 717

Scripture Reading
Grady Mickle, Minister of the Chester Church of Christ
John 14: 1-6

Eulogy
Minister Markus Martin, Kingsbury Drive Church of Christ

Speaker
Twin City Church of Christ Men (5 Steps of Salvation)

Reflections (Two Minutes Please)
Family & Friends

Closing Reflection from
His Loving Wife Valencia Anita Starks

Hymn
God Be With You Till We Meet Again – Hymn #170

Closing Prayer
Twin City Church of Christ Men

Recessional

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