

# *He Was Just Here*

By Jordyn Webb (Niece)

*The day after, it's still sore.  
Phone calls are still being made.  
Everyone starts to send their condolences.  
You are still in denial. It doesn't quite feel real.  
There's no way he's gone, he was just here.*

*The week after is busy and stressed.  
The funeral is coming up, everyone ready to dress their best.  
You still feel the pain, but you start to suppress  
For things must get done and you must get some rest*

*The funeral comes everyone is sad  
It was a beautiful celebration of life, the good and the bad  
The family comes to town and laughs with cheer  
Telling the stories of when he was here*

*A month passes and things die down  
It's quiet, your mind has time to think about him now  
Some days are easy and others are hard  
But you keep going, he wanted you to go far*

*A year has passed and it feels better now  
You learned to manage the grief somehow  
The memories you hold are still near and dear  
But it still feels like he was just here*

*Five years down the line, people think you forget,  
but how could you ever?  
For his laughter was contagious, his love was out loud  
His energy was endless and he was so proud  
He cared for others as they were his own  
He was brave and always held on strong  
He could never be forgotten, for his memories too infectious*

*While it hurts a little less,  
some days simply just aren't the best  
You see him in a color, in a movie or song  
You look at an old picture, for they hold memories for long  
He's always on your mind just a thought, never there  
But you look at the sky and see a pretty cloud somewhere  
You see heaven in the sunset and it makes you proud  
Because yes he's gone and the grief is loud.  
But he's sending you a message loud and clear  
That you're never alone and he'll always be here.*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dr. Roland Hart  
Frank Paul  
Robert Paul

Wennifer Paul  
Tyrone Pittman  
Frank Pondexter

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Deonte Adams  
Mike Barker  
Dale DeLeslin  
Demetrius Lemon

Ryan Lemon  
Martinis McDuffie  
Jalen Webb  
J. Kevin Webb

## FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Women's Missionary Society, A.M.E. Church  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Delta Kappa Omega Chapter  
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## INTERMENT

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1401 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair;  
Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much, whatever the part.  
-The Lemon-Hart Family*

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Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the staff of One Healing Place  
Big Bend Hospice, Tallahassee  
Ms. Ruby Paul, mother-in-law and caregiver  
Management & Staff of J.P. Moore Mortuary and Cremation Services, Tallahassee

*We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fondest hope is that all measures of assistance rendered your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.*

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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



*Marcus*  
AURELIUS  
LEMON

OCTOBER 16, 1969 - MARCH 3, 2026

Saturday, March 14, 2026  
2:00 P.M.

NEW MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH  
1401 Old Bainbridge Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303

*The Right Reverend Bishop Marvin Zanders, Jr., Presiding Prelate  
The Right Reverend Dr. Carlton L. Taylor, Presiding Elder  
Rev. Michael Bell, Sr., Host Pastor  
Rev. Marvin Bouquette, Eulogist  
J.P. Moore Mortuary, Directing*

# Life Story

Marcus Aurelius Lemon was born October 16, 1969, in Daytona Beach, Florida to Jacqueline Hart Lemon and the Late Presiding Elder F. Bernard Lemon. He grew up in Leesburg, Florida and graduated from Leesburg High School, Class of 1987.

He attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Marcus was reared in the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church. He attended the various churches his father pastored but was baptized and grew up in St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, Leesburg, Florida, where as a youth he was active in the Young People's and Children Division (YPD) and youth choir. During his college years, he fellowshipped at Fountain Chapel A.M.E. Church. In 2004, he joined New Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Tallahassee, Florida.

Marcus worked in several cities and for various companies in sales and management. He is best remembered as a store manager for Heilig-Meyers Furniture Company and First American Cash Advance.

While working in Tallahassee, he met the former Ramona Branton. During a business conference in Las Vegas, Marcus popped the question at a Toni Braxton concert. The couple married on August 18, 2007, and shared over 18 years of marriage until his passing. They are the parents of two children, Deonte Adams and Londyn Lemon.

Marcus loved sports. He was an avid baseball player and fan. He played from Pee Wee League through High School. He was also a Jacksonville Jaguar fan. He was dressed in Jag gear for every game, the ultimate good luck charm for his favorite team. Marcus also loved to fish and swim and will be remembered for his "cannonballs."

Marcus had a great love for music including old school R&B, hip hop, and gospel. He played drums and participated in the band from junior high school through high school.

Marcus was quiet and laidback but could always make you laugh with a joke or facial expression. The family often joked he could make you laugh just by opening his mouth.

Marcus made his final transition on March 3, 2026, after a lengthy illness and cancer battle. He will be forever missed by those who loved him the most.

He was preceded in death by his father, Presiding Elder F. Bernard Lemon; his maternal grandparents, Henry and Audrey Hart; his paternal grandparents, William and Thelma Kelley; brother, Michael Lemon; Aunts and Uncles, Jeffie Lee Malone, Annie L. King, Samuel Lemon, Willie James Lemon, Kathleen Barge; and cousin, Trevor Hart.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona Lemon; son, Deonte Adams; daughter, Londyn Lemon; mother, Jacqueline Lemon; mother-in-law, Ruby Lee Paul; bonus mother, Laurastine Lemon-King (Rev. Richard King); father-in-law, Jerome James; siblings, Tonja Lemon Webb (Kevin), Anita Lemon, Ryan Lemon, Michele Murphy, and Bridget Giles (Terry); sisters-and brothers-in law: Margaret Ardley, Marshall Smiley, Margie Davis, Lee Ann Ardley, Kendra Ardley, Audrey Williams, Valerie Davis, Jeannette James, Latweeta Gardner (Harbrige), Herman James (TaWandra), Dennis Ardley and Christopher James; aunts and uncles, Dr. Roland Hart (Gale), Anne Hart, Hattie Paul, Sandra Paul, Mary Lambert, Emma Brown, Robert Paul (Shirley), Frank Paul, Wennifer Paul (Diann), Eddie Paul, Lorenzo Whitehead (Elaine) and William Whitehead (Althea); nieces and nephews, Jalen and Jordyn Webb; Dominique Brooks-Nevlous (Charles), JaKaren Hughes and Trace Giles; cousins, Sarina Hart, Helena Rathbun (Dan), Kevin Hart, Margaret Harris (Richard), Hiram Malone, Michael King, Angela Braddy, Levrina Lemon, Lajuana Lemon, Joy Lemon, Deborah Briatte, Demetrius Lemon (Rainell), John Wages, and Greg Wages; godchildren, Ka'Mari DeLeslin, Shakirah McDuffie, and Patrick "P.J." Gilyard, Jr.; lifelong friends, Martinis McDuffie, Dale DeLeslin, and Mike Barker; bonus family, Robert Dunston and the Dunston Family; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He will surely be missed by his walking companion and man's best friend, Princess, the family pet.

# PRECIOUS MEMORIES



# Order of Service

Minister Brian McQueen, Presiding  
At the Well Ministry, Roswell, GA

Prelude

Processional..... Clergy and Family  
"He'll Welcome Me"

Prayer of Consolation..... Rev. Gregory Houston, Pastor  
St. Matthew Primitive Baptist Church, Quincy, Florida

Reading of the Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Rev. Michael Williams, Pastor  
Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida

New Testament ..... Minister Ola Stubbs  
New Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Tallahassee, Florida

Selection..... New Mt. Zion Praise Team  
"Trust in God"

Reflections

Two Minutes Each, Please

As a Friend..... Martinis McDuffie

As an Uncle ..... Jalen and Jordyn Webb

As a Brother ..... Ryan and Anita Lemon

Family Tribute

Marcus' Favorite Song ..... "Trust in You"

Poem ..... Londyn Lemon, Daughter

"The Essence of Marcus" Memorial Video

Resolutions and Acknowledgements..... J.P. Moore Staff

Sermonic Selection ..... New Mt. Zion Praise Team  
"Total Praise"

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Marvin Bouquette, Pastor  
Saint James A.M.E. Church, Live Oak, Florida

Recessional ..... New Mt. Zion Praise Team  
"Every Praise"