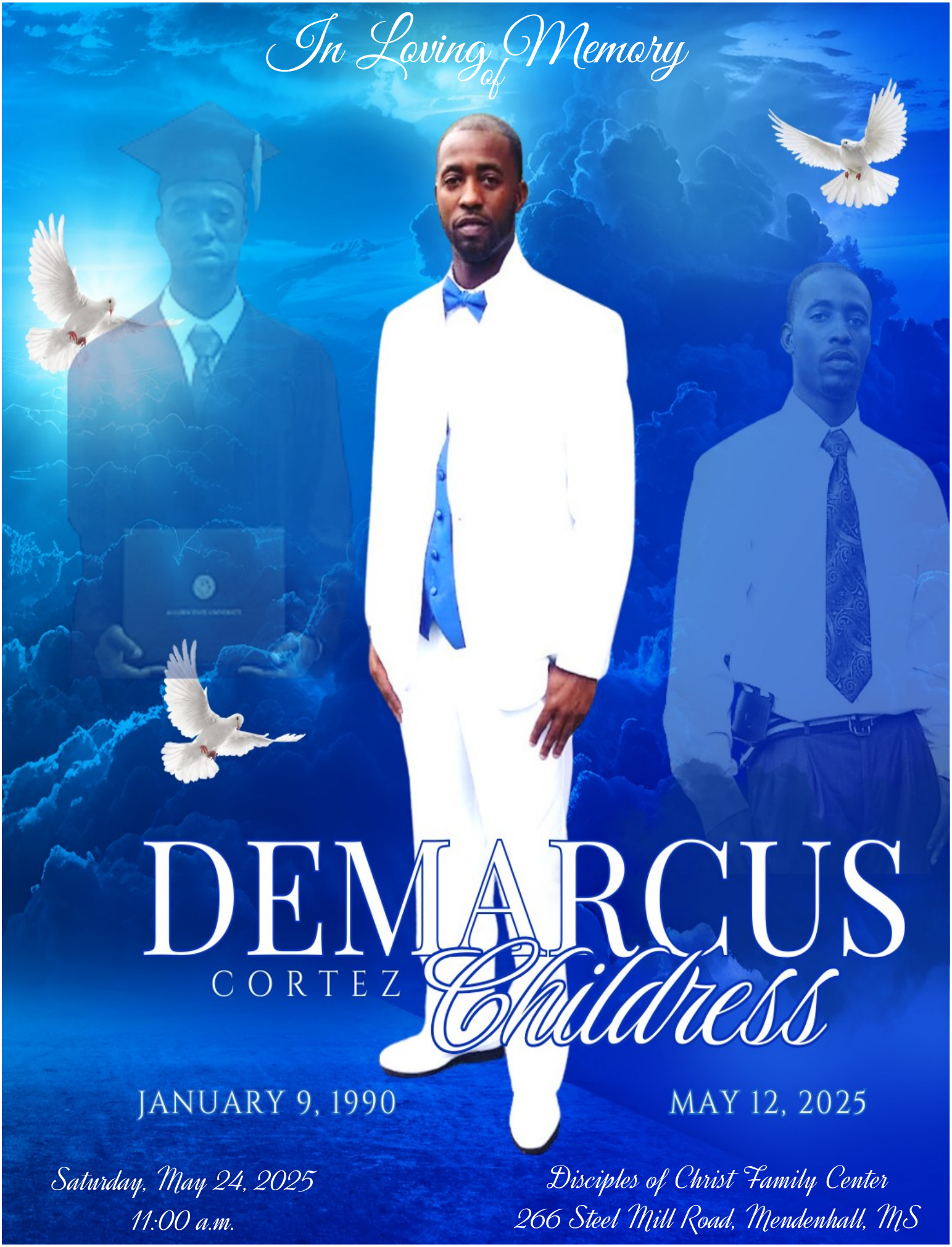

In Loving Memory
DEMARCUS
CORTEZ
Childress
JANUARY 9, 1990
MAY 12, 2025
Saturday, May 24, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Disciples of Christ Family Center
266 Steel Mill Road, Mendenhall, MS



Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once
we shared, **Miss me, but let me go.**

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do.

Miss me but let me go.

Until We Meet Again

Demarcus,

I wish I could see you one more time 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 precious had to die. I pray that God will give me strength and somehow get me through as I struggle with this heartache that came when I lost you.
With All My Love, Dominique







My Angel Dad

You gave no one a last farewell,
nor ever said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
A million times we will miss you.
A million times we will cry.
In our hearts you hold a place,
NO ONE ELSE CAN EVER FILL.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God took you home.
We will meet again someday,
I know in a better place.
I thank God that He made you our Dad,
while you were here on earth.
LOVED BEYOND WORDS
MISSED BEYOND MEASURE
Always and Forever in Our Hearts
With all our love,
Jaden, Daylah, Taylor & Seth "Cam"







The Obituary

Demarcus Cortez Childress *was born on January 9, 1990, to Debra Childress and DeWayne Kitchens. At an early age, he accepted Christ and was baptized at Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church, where he was an active member of the youth department, children's choir, and male choir. As a young adult, Demarcus continued his spiritual journey and began attending West Point Baptist Church.*

Demarcus, *a proud graduate of Mendenhall High School (Class of 2008), furthered his education at Jones Junior College before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Alcorn State University in May 2015. He was employed as a Support Professional at Boswell Regional Center, where he served others with care and compassion.*

Demarcus *was a man of many gifts and interests. He loved fishing, traveling, and cooking for his family and friends. He also served his community as a barber and youth coach, always bringing laughter and encouragement wherever he went. His warm presence, generous spirit, and infectious smile left a lasting impact on everyone he met.*

Demarcus *transitioned peacefully into eternal rest on May 12, 2025. He leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved fiancé, Dominique Marshall; their children, Jaden, Daylah, Taylor, and Seth "Cam;" his devoted mother, Debra Childress; and his siblings, La'Darian "BOP" Childress, Dwayne Kitchens, Jr., Brandon Kitchens, Charles Kitchens, Shatara Brown, Marshahn Raine, and Fred Murphy. He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Sandra J. Kitchens, and maternal step grandmother, Helen Childress. A host of aunts and uncles who played significant roles in his life also mourn his passing: Shirley (Darryle) Burton, Janna (Kent) Miller, Margaret (Otha) Jenkins, Gwendolyn (Josh) Russell, Linda Durr, Pam (Markiah) King, Nichole Dampeer, Tara (Reggie) Radford, Eddie (Theresa) McDonald, Charles McDonald, and Dante (Shonda) Brazley. Demarcus also leaves behind generations of cousins, friends, and loved ones who will continue to carry his memory in their hearts.*

Demarcus *will be remembered for his kind heart, quick wit, and unwavering love for his family. His legacy of strength, compassion, and dedication will live on in the lives of those he touched.*

Demarcus *was preceded in death by his father, DeWayne Kitchens; his maternal grandparents, Willie and Dorothy Childress; his paternal grandfather, Will R. Kitchens; his brother, Jonathan Kitchens; his uncles, Willie Charles Childress, Willie Joe Childress, Leonard Childress, Jerry Lee Childress, and John Brazley; and his aunts, Lucy Jean Childress, Dorothy Shorty, and Minnie Shorty.*

The Order of Service

Sister Sarah Walker, Mistress of Ceremonies

Processional ..... *Clergy and Family*

Musical Selection

Old Testament Reading ..... *Brother Darryle Burton*

New Testament Reading ..... *Pastor Aaron Williams*

Prayer ..... *Pastor Aaron Williams*

Musical Selection ..... *Keyosha Brown*

Expressions of Love

Tribute ..... *Brother Darryle Burton*

Tribute ..... *Mendenhall High School Class of 2008*

Reflections ..... *(Two (2) Minutes Please)* ..... *Family and Friends*

Acknowledgments ..... *Sister Sarah Walker*

Obituary ..... *Read Silently*

Musical Selection ..... *Charles Whitlock*

Eulogy ..... *Pastor Willie B. Hobbs, Jr.*

Recessional ..... *J&M Funeral Home in Charge*

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

In Memory of a Special Son

It's sometimes hard to know
why some things happen as they do
for so much joy and happiness
was centered around you

It seems so hard to comprehend
that you're no longer here
but all the happy memories
will help to keep you near

You're thought about with pride, Son
with each mention of your name
death cannot change a single thing
the love will still remain

Love, Your Mother

Demarcus, also known to me as C.C. and my driver. I know you want us all to be strong, and I promise I'm trying. I can see you now in heaven, barbecuing and cutting hair, doing what you always loved. You were truly an angel on earth, and now you're watching over us as an angel in heaven. I'm giving you the recipe for the seasoning, I didn't forget... just check your pocket. Take your rest, baby boy. I'll keep your name alive, especially with your very own BBQ sauce.

Love always, Pumpkin, Tee & Pooh

A Tribute from Your Cousins

We cannot pretend to understand why you left us, but we know you had to go.
We will cherish your memory forever
and hold you close in our hearts.
If a cousin's love could have saved you,
we would have given all we had.
But God had other plans for you—
plans not placed in human hands.
You are gone, but never forgotten.
Take your place in the Kingdom with our kin.
Rest in peace, DMarc... until we meet again.
We love you always, Your Cousins

To Our Cousin: *A gentle spirit, now at peace, a heart that loved with gentle grace. A life well-lived, a legacy, a family's love eternally. We'll miss your smile, your guiding light, and cherish memories, day and night. Although your absence fills our hearts, you'll never be separated from our hearts.*

From the McClains

A Tribute from the Kitchens Family

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of our beloved nephew, grandson, brother, and friend. Though we didn't see you as often as we would have liked, you were deeply loved and always in our hearts.

We wish we had more time—more conversations, more hugs, more laughter. But we find peace in knowing that time is no longer measured where you are. You are now in the presence of our Lord and Savior, held in His perfect love and resting in eternal peace.

We will carry your memory with us always, trusting that one day we will see you again. Until then, we take comfort in knowing that heaven holds you now.

With all our love,
Your grandmother, aunts, uncle,
siblings, and the entire Kitchens Family

In Loving Memory of our Wonderful Cousin

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small, to have you as our cousin was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear "We love and miss you and wish that you were here" Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish, not forget. No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there. A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memory ever near in our hearts forever.

Darren & Courtney Rankin

My Biggest Cousin

The love I have for my cousin is something truly special.
I will always cherish the memories—
especially the story you loved to tell
about how you taught me to walk.
I remember how I used to hit you with a right hook when we play-fought,
and how you were always the life of our cousin get togethers.
They'll never be the same without you.
Although you may be gone,
you will forever remain in my heart.

Love, Qua Dampeer




Acknowledgements from the Family

The family of Demarcus Cortez Childress wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support shown during this time of sorrow. Your kind words, visits, meals, calls, and comforting presence have meant more than words can express.

To the pastors, churches, friends, extended family, and community members—thank you for standing with us, lifting us, and helping us honor the life of a son, father, brother, fiancé, and friend who meant so much to so many.
May God bless each of you and keep you in His perfect peace.
With love and heartfelt thanks,
The Childress Family

Active Pallbearers

Darren Rankin
Alfonzo Payne
Darius Payne
Patrick Johnson
Cordario McClain
James Banks
Alonzo Hayes
James Burton
TreDarrell Williams
Charles Williams, Jr.
Michael Williams
Fred Murphy

Honorary Pallbearers

La'Darian Childress
Jaden Curry
Seth "Cam" Marshall
Dewayne Kitchens
Brandon Kitchens
Charles Kitchens

Flower Bearers

Keonna Howard
Shaquajah Dampeer
Carnesha Williams
Lasonya Rankin
Kiarra Rankin
Trinity Williams
Teonna Williams
Family and Friends

Interment

Pillars of Faith Cemetery
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