

Celebrating the Life of

Ray Francis Jr.
"Daddyo"

Sunrise: September 28, 1981

Sunset: July 9, 2026



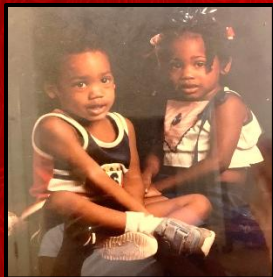
Saturday, July 25, 2026

Wake: 9:00am - 10:45am

Service: 11:00am

Evangelist Chapel AME Church
3401 Hondo, Houston, Texas 77051
Pastor Mark Jackson





Journey through Life

Psalm 34:18

*"The Lord is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those
who are crushed in spirit."*

In Loving Memory of Ray Francis Jr. "Daddyo"

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On September 28, 1981, in Houston, Texas, an icon was born to Ray Francis Sr. and Phyllis Garrick. They lovingly named him Ray Francis Jr., affectionately known to family and friends as "Daddyo." From an early age, Ray accepted Christ into his life and remained steadfast in his faith, always giving praise to the Lord regardless of the challenges and trials he faced.

Daddyo was known for his infectious smile, impeccable sense of style, unforgettable dance moves, and his ability to light up any room he entered. He was truly the life of every gathering. Whether among family, friends, or strangers, Daddyo had a special gift for spreading joy and laughter. His warm personality and charismatic spirit left a lasting impression on everyone, fortunate enough to know him.

A true "smooth operator," Daddyo cherished his role as a father and family man. He shared three children: Anfrennee, Kiera, and Marcus with Tasha Ellison. In September 2014, he married Juanita Thomas, and together they shared their son, Keiyandre. Daddyo took immense pride in spending time with his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. His love for family was evident in every moment he shared with them, creating memories that will be treasured forever.

On July 9, 2026, Daddyo answered God's call and entered his eternal resting place. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Elfie Vallier, Robert Garrick, Clemmons and Eloise West; his beloved sister, Tiffany Francis; and his bonus father, Michael Slaughter.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Juanita Thomas. His loving parents, Ray Francis (Lorena) and Phyllis Garrick (David); his children, Anfrennee, Kiera, Marcus, and Keiyandre; and his siblings, Leslie Mike (Terrance Sr.), Antonio Beard, Zahra Francis, Isiah Francis, Rachelle Terry, Andrew Beard, Latoya Dismuke (Mario), and Zackry. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, god child Reginae, cousins, and dear friends, as well as his girlfriend, Charmaine, whom he loved dearly.

Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we find comfort in knowing that Daddyo's legacy of love, laughter, faith, and joy will live through all who knew him. His smile, his spirit, and the countless memories he created will forever remain in our hearts.

Order of Service

Processional	Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family
Opening Prayer	Pastor Kelvin Burn
Old Testament	Rev. Winfred Isle
New Testament	Rev. Ray Francis Sr.
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Forrest Johnson
Obituary Reading <i>(Silently)</i>	
Expressions <i>(Two minutes)</i>	
Words of Comfort	Fabian Siemien and Amie Francis
Song Selection	Evangelist Ashley Francis
Eulogy	Mark Jackson
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

Tributes

You were the spark that lit the room. The pulse of every crowd. With music playing in your chest, and laughter long and loud. You taught us how to live out loud, to dance through every night. The first to start the party up and the last to dim the light. So, we won't raise our hands in grief. We'll raise a glass to you. To every drive you took and every crowd you knew. The music shifts, the venue fades but you remain the star. So keep dancing on the other side.

Phyllis, Pumpkin, Ray, Lorna, Antonio, Andrew, Rachelle, Isaiah, Zahra Demontra, Lauren, Terrance, Juanita, Morgan, Charmaine, Kaleah and Lala

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Growing up, my dad wasn't just a father; he was my ultimate wingman, my mentor, and the coolest guy I knew. Whether we actually had a destination in mind or not, some of my best memories are just riding around. We'd have the windows down, the music up, and we'd just talk about life, cars, and everything in between. We definitely tore up our fair share of parties together. You had this energy that drew people in, and we had a blast being a two-man wrecking crew. He taught me how to walk into a room with confidence, how to command a laugh, and how to charm a crowd. We were a dangerous duo when it came to the ladies, and while he always had the smoother lines, he taught me the most important lessons about treating people right and making them feel special. He lived life on his own terms and showed me how to enjoy every single minute of it. I'm going to miss our wild nights out and our long, aimless drives. But more than anything, I'm going to miss having my best friend and partner in crime by my side. Dad, you taught me how to live big, love hard, and have a great time doing it. I promise to keep that spirit alive. Rest easy, Pop. I love you. *Anfrennee*

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A hardworking man with a heart of gold, you built a life of comfort and security for your family. Your legacy of strength, resilience, and quiet wisdom will continue to inspire us. You left this world owing us nothing and we are so proud to be your children. *Key*

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Grandpa, your laugh was the heartbeat of our family. It was a sound that could instantly brighten the darkest room and bring a smile to anyone's face. You brought so much joy, warmth, and humor into our life, and that is exactly how we will always remember you. The world is quieter now without your laughter, but the happy memories you gave us will keep us smiling forever. We love you and will miss you dearly. *D'Nijahh, La'Kingg, Z'Kiahh, J'Kavion and Jhaza*



## *Remember Me with Smiles*

*Don't stand beside my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am the sunshine on the grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*Do not remember me with tears,  
But think of all our happiest years.  
The stories told, the laughter shared,  
The simple ways we deeply cared.*

*My journey here has reached its end,  
But love remains constant friend.  
So, lift your hearts and let me go,  
Into the peace that headers know.*

*Celebrate the life I led,  
The paths I chose, the words I said.  
Live your days with joy and grace,  
Until we meet in the bright place.*

*Love, Daddyo*





## *Active Pallbearers*

Reginald Taylor

Myron Everett

Vernon Williams

Ramsey Hamp

Deshawn Williams

Edgar Thomas

Albert Stevenson

Henry Williams

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Anfrenee Francis

Darryl Singleton

Ray Francis Sr.

Terrance Mike Sr.

Andre Beard

Sebastian Carrier

Fabian Simien

Donnell Lyons

Robert Buchanan

Keiyandra Allen

Anthony Vallier

Isaiah Francis

Leslie Mike

David Scott

Torrelle Phillips

Darryl Shackelford

Kennard Adams

Louis Harris

Demontra Duncan

Charles Vallery

Ashton Francis

Terrance Mike Jr.

Antonio Beard

Artie Francis

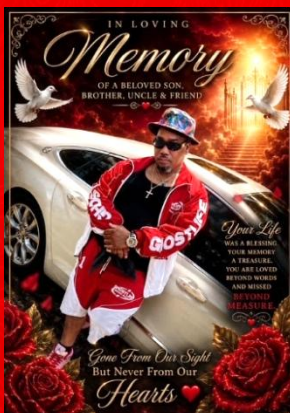
Benard Bellard

Kalvin Flowers

Richard Duncan

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of Ray Francis wishes to express special thanks and gratefulness to each of you for kindness, assistance and sympathy during our hour of sorrow.



## *Interment*

Paradise South Cemetery

## *Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:*

Grimes Funeral Home, Inc.

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