

FOREVER LOVED...



I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.*

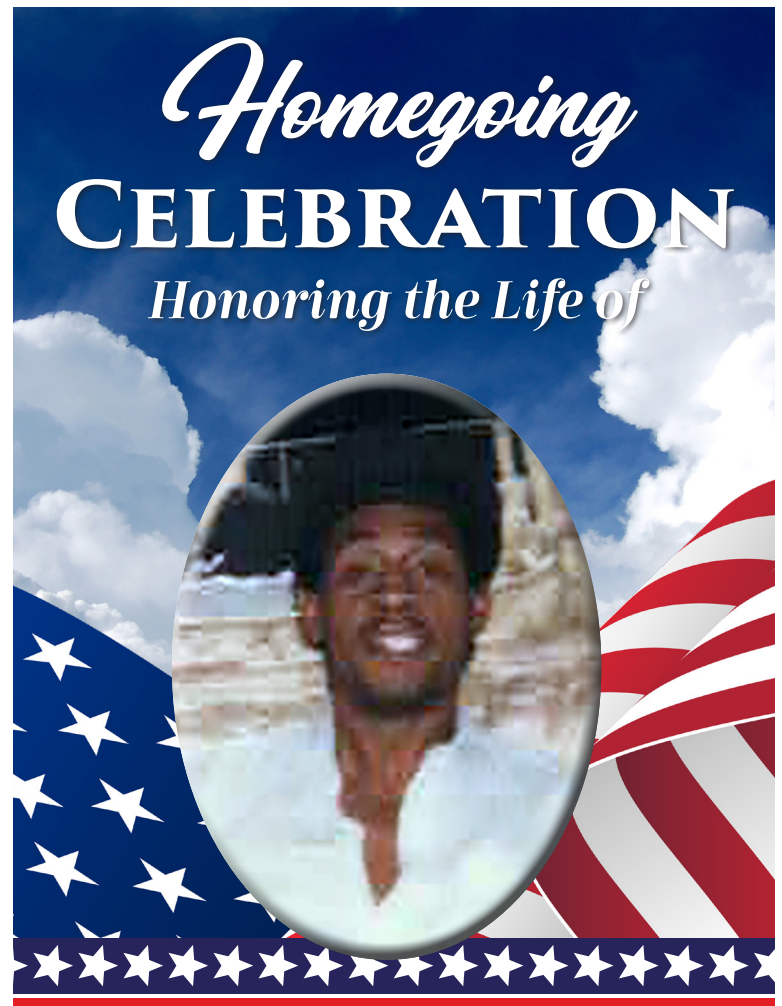
*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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Sunrise
May 9, 1957

Sunset
January 3, 2022

Earl Lewis
REAVES, JR.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 • 12:00 PM

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Order of Service

GATHERING OF FAMILY

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Clergy and Family

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 14:1-3

SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT

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RECESSIONAL



Acknowledgements

The family would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our family and friends both far and near who have supported us during this most difficult time. We love and thank you all. May God continue to bless you.

Earl's Life...

EARL LEWIS REAVES, JR. was born May 9, 1957 to the late Earl L. Reaves, Sr. and Ms. Graynell Reaves in Fayetteville, NC. He gained his angelic wings and peacefully departed this temporary home to a home of eternal rest on Monday, January 3, 2022 at Highsmith Rainey Specialty Hospital.

EARL grew up in Fayetteville, NC where he was educated in the Cumberland County School system and graduated from Seventy First High School. He went on to serve several years in the United States Army before pursuing other endeavors.

EARL was a beautiful soul with a strong and outgoing spirit. He stood tall in the face of adversity and never let hard times keep him down for long. His resilience, willpower and great sense of humor has and will continue to inspire many.

EARL found joy in the simple things in life spending time with family, listening to good music and making people laugh. He always went the extra mile for those he loved even when it was difficult for him to do so. Most importantly, just like he dealt with all experiences in life, he managed his illness with grace and perseverance with his mother and daughter by his side the whole way through.

EARL was loved dearly and will be greatly missed by many. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Robert Earl Reaves.

He leaves to cherish fond memories by his beloved mother, Ms. Graynell Reaves and daughter, Santevia

Reaves of Fayetteville, NC, his favorite cousins, Mrs. Mellownese Cunningham of Raleigh, NC, Mona Williams of Richmond, VA and Lamar Bivens of Georgia; a special bonus daughter, Snaquera Fields of Fayetteville, NC.

MY FIRST AND MY LAST.

I love you, but God loves you best, so sleep on and take your rest. We've had darkness, but now we can see light, so make sure you're in heaven shining bright.

Mother ♡

A love like yours is so rare and I'm so thankful I got to experience it. I'll forever cherish our good times and memories. I'll love you in this lifetime and the next until we meet again.

Santevia ♡



PSALM 30:5

Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.