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Acknowledgements & Special Thanks

For the prayers, flowers, and other expressions of condolences
we sincerely Thank You.

Special thanks to the San Antonio Professional Fire Fighters Association Honor
Guard, San Antonio Fire Department Chief, Turning Point Trail Riders,
Central TX. United Trail Riders Association,
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Family,
Agape Christian Church Family, Alice Harper, Willie Rucker
and the plethora of family and friends.

The Family Of
Nathaniel Louis Batson



Welcome Home

The Professional Service and Arrangements Entrusted to
Carter-Taylor-Williams Mortuary
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"Never place a question mark where God has placed a period."

Celebration Of Life



Nathaniel Louis Batson

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

AGAPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
14303 JUDSON RD. | SAN ANTONIO, TX 78210

VIEWING: 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.
SERVICE: 11:00 A.M.

REV. JESSE T. HARDEMAN, SR., OFFICIANT

WORDS OF COMFORT: PASTOR GARRY ROBERTS
MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

The Life of Deacon Nathaniel Louis Batson aka "Big Nate" / "Nate"

Many years ago, on October 26, 1953, the Lord decided to bless Truman D. and Geneviva R. Batson with a bouncing baby boy. They named him Nathaniel Louis Batson. He was a happy child, like most children. However, when the time came for him to start talking he often stuttered. His older siblings would tease him until one day his parents decided to let their pastor Rev. Rufus Wilson ("Granddaddy" as all the kids affectionately called him) pray for his throat. From then on, when he started talking he never stopped.

Nate was introduced to Christ at an early age. He was baptized at the Marlboro Heights Baptist Church in Killeen, TX by the late Pastor R. A. Abercrombie. From there, the family moved to LaVernia, TX. then to San Antonio, TX in 1958. Upon their arrival in San Antonio, they joined Mt. Sinai Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Rufus Wilson. Nate was an active member of the church throughout his life. In his younger years, he served on the Junior Usher Board and sang in the Junior Choir. During his adult years, he continued to sing in the choir, played on the church's softball and basketball teams, participated in the drill team, and the Baptist Training Union (BTU). As a matter of fact, he served as the BTU Director for years. During his latter years he participated in the Male Chorus, Brotherhood, and was a Deacon.

Nate attended Robert E. Lee Elementary School (presently known as Artemisia Bowden Elementary School), Emerson Middle School, and one year at Phyllis Wheatley High School. He finished his high school years at Fox Tech where he played basketball, baseball, and graduated in 1972. He went to St. Phillip's College for 2 years where he majored in Auto Mechanics in an attempt to follow in his father's footsteps. Did he learn to master that craft? "NO!" His father would tease him by saying, "boy, the more I try to teach you, the dumber I get!"

Early on in his career, he dabbled in a few realms. He worked as a delivery driver for Sears Roebuck & Company, was an on-the-job training associate with Automotive Research, drove the school bus for the North East Independent School District, and was a basketball official/referee with the Texas Athletic Officials. He found his true passion when he joined the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) in 1975 and became affectionately known as "Batman."

In June 1976, he married Judith D. Burks and to this union a daughter (Lakishia) was born. Throughout his career with SAFD he was a firefighter, a member of the softball team, and active member of the Honor Guard until death. He retired in 2012 after devoting 39 years. Even after his retirement it wasn't in him to sit still. He began driving for HG Transport and had recently hired on with Imperfect Foods. In September 2012, he married Karen Lyles becoming a stepdad to two sons (Michael and Nathan).

Nate also traveled to New York as a volunteer after the September 11, 2011 attacks on the US.

In the early 2000's he found a new hobby as a cowboy. He entered into the trail riding sector and founded Triple "O" Trail Riders. In 2010 he expanded and established Turning Point Trail Riders. He was an awesome President! He also held memberships in the Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo and The Night Riders. Lastly, he is one of the founding members of the Central Texas United Trail Riders Association (CTUTRA).

Nate was a 'gentle giant' who was loved by everyone. His exuberant and colorful personality would light up any room. He never met a stranger and will truly be missed.

On Sunday April 3, 2022 at 10:22 pm, Nate gained his wings and took flight. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, maternal & paternal grandparents and brother Albert Barber. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Karen Batson, Elmendorf, TX; daughter Lakishia C. Batson (Roderick), Houston, TX; stepsons: Michael D. Buckner, Houston, TX & Nathan L. Henderson (Ebony), Elmendorf, TX; God son: Jesse T. Hardeman, Jr.(Tiffany), Wildomar, California; sisters: Annie R. Cox, Canton, MI, Albertha (Mz. Tiger) Stiff, Dorothy J. Batson-Abadias, Katherine D. Dailey (Darrell), brothers: William H. Batson & Joseph E. Batson [all of whom live in San Antonio, TX]; aunts: Laura Whigham, Moss Point, MS, Lucille Massey, San Antonio, TX, Geraldine Reeves, Los Angeles, CA, Velma Rucker, Benton, MS and Mattie Rucker, Jackson, MS; granddaughters: Rhyon D. Bryant, Brielle A. Buckner, & Aaliyah J. Buckner; grandsons: Michael D. Buckner, Jr, Cayden M. Buckner, & Jayvion K. Trishell [all of whom live in Houston, TX]; Godmother Alice Ma Harper, San Antonio, TX; bestfriend Henry (Triple H) Robinson, Houston, TX and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

Stillness

Eternal lights flicker
In a distant sky.
Where have you gone;
Why did you die?

When I first saw you,
You stole my heart,
And until this awful day,
We have never been apart.

I look to the heavens,
Hoping to see you anew.
Where have you gone?
I'm searching for you.

My painful cries
Fill the dark of night.
I need your arms
To hold me tight.

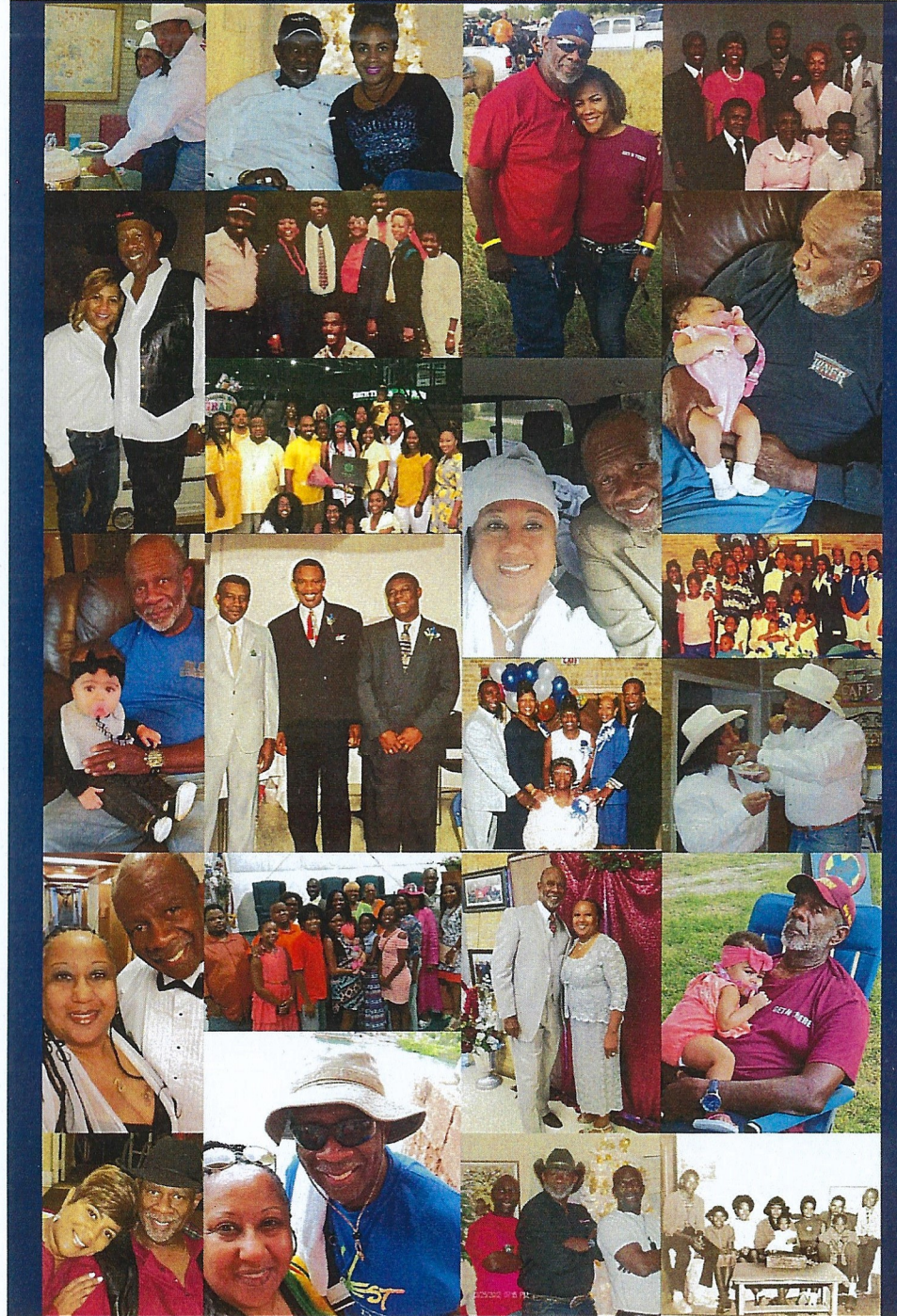
Where have you gone?
Show me the place
So I can once again see
The smile on your face.

We met life's challenges
And somehow made it through.
But how do I do it
Alone without you?

I know you are in my heart,
But I long to see your face.
Memories of yesterday
Leave only a trace.

There's emptiness now
That nothing can fill.
I so need to find you
So I, too, can be still.

By: Audrey Klatkiewicz



Daddy's Little Girl

By: Lakishia Batson

The greatest title ever gifted to me
is "Daddy's Little Girl"
Your unconditional love has always been
a constant in my world

Since losing you so suddenly
My heart is broken and empty
I struggle to push through and breathe
But some days it's just not in me

I miss everything about you
From your laugh to your voice to that smile
The way you dried my tears, again and again
The way you loved me as your precious child

Cheering me on and cheering me up
Was always easy for you
The fact that you were an amazing father
Will always and forever ring true

I only wish we had more time
We still had millions of memories to make
But Heaven has called you home, Daddy
And the Lord has taken your pain away

I know I will always miss you
And that you will be smiling down at me
I will share our memories forever
Until we meet again in eternity



Order of Service

Processional	The Funeral Cortege
Obituary	Read Silently
Officiant	Rev. Jesse T. Hardeman, Sr. Calvary Baptist Church
Scripture	
Old Testament	Rev. Alzo Cole Greater New Mt. Olive Baptist Church
New Testament	Rev. Ellis Reddix New Light Missionary Baptist Church Vancleave, Mississippi
Prayer	Rev. Henry H. Batson III Faith Fellowship Red Oak, TX
Solo	Markithia Haynes Tabernacle of Praise Church International McDonough, Georgia
Praise Dance	Nieces, Great Nieces and Great Nephew
Resolution	Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
Reflections	Loraine C. Mills Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
My Friend-The Village Blacksmith	Henry Robinson Houston, TX
Remarks (Two Minute Limit, Please)	San Antonio Fire Department Central TX United Trail Riders Association Batson Family Spokesperson
Selection	Batson Family Choir
Words of Comfort	Pastor Garry Roberts Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
Final Alarm	San Antonio Professional Fire Fighters Association Honor Guard
Recessional	The Funeral Cortege