



Always Remembered,
Always *Loved*



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through
Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and
Smiled at me, and told me
"Welcome Home"

So, when tomorrow starts without me
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart

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Acknowledgement

The family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the calls, visits, cards, encouragement and heartfelt expressions, especially your prayers during our time of bereavement. May God richly and abundantly bless each of you for your love.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
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A Celebration of *Life*



Julius Rahman "Pook" Holmes

August 12, 1979 - December 29, 2025

Tuesday; January 6, 2025 at 1pm

Boyd Friendship Missionary Baptist
Church, 4900 River Oaks Road,
Lake Wylie, SC, 29710

Dr. Charlene A. Robbins, Senior Pastor | Officiant

ORDER OF *Service*

Processional

Call to Worship
Dr. Charlene Robbins

Musical Selection
“I Won’t Complain”
Pastor Sharon Collins

Scripture Reading
Dr. John Jennings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Stephen Wingate

Remarks (2 minute limit)
Mr. Quin Byers
Dr. Latoya Staley
Ms. Andrea Singletary

Acknowledgement/Resolution
Mrs. Kendra Reid

Reading of Obituary
Mrs. Yolanda Byers

Musical Selection
“Safe in His Arms”
Sis. Sonya McDowell Currence

Eulogy
Dr. Charlene A. Robbins

Committal

Recessional
“I’ll Fly Away”



THE LIFE & LEGACY OF *Pooh*

Julius Rahman Holmes, affectionately known as “Pooh,” transitioned from this life on December 29, 2025, at the age of 46. He was born on August 12, 1979, in Staten Island, New York, to Andrea Singletary and the late Julius Holmes. Julius was also preceded in death by his beloved son, Tyceria “Man” Alexander, whose memory he carried in his heart every day.

At the age of eight, Julius relocated from New York to Gastonia, North Carolina, to live with his father, where he would grow into the man so many came to know and love. He was educated in the Gaston County school system, attending Bessemer City High School, where he proudly played on the basketball team and developed a lifelong love for the game. Demonstrating determination and perseverance, Julius later earned his GED from Gaston College, a milestone he took pride in achieving.

In his adult life, Julius dedicated over ten years of service to Daimler Trucks of North America, where he was known as a reliable and hardworking employee. Beyond his work ethic, Julius was admired for his kind heart, humble spirit, and willingness to help anyone in need. He had a way of making people feel seen, heard, and valued.

Family meant everything to Pooh. He loved to brag about his sibling’s accomplishments. Though North Carolina was home for most of his life, he never let anyone forget his New York roots, often sharing stories and pride about where he came from. He was an avid sports fan who loved basketball, especially the NC Tar Heels, and faithfully supported the LA Rams. Julius also had a special love for his dogs, particularly Poncho, who brought him comfort and companionship.

Above all else, Julius’s (Pooh’s) greatest joy were his grandchildren, Raelynn and Jaylen. They were the light of his life, and he cherished every moment spent with them. Julius lived life on his own terms—authentic, unapologetic, and full of love. His laughter, loyalty, and presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

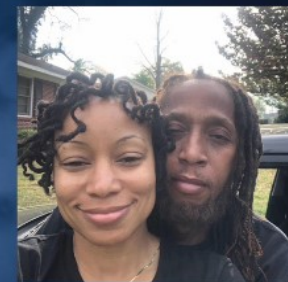
Julius leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Seandara Alexander Holmes; his mother, Andrea Singletary; bonus mother, Mary “Cookie” Holmes; and mother-in-law, Debra Alexander. He is also survived by his loving children: Keyeria Alexander, Alexis Moore, and Shakerriah Alexander. His loving grandchildren Raeylenn Sharpe and Jaylen Sharpe.

He leaves behind siblings who loved him dearly: Dr. Latoya Staley; Quin Byers (Yolanda); Jarod Holmes (Keri); and Marra “Neece” Holmes. His legacy continues through his cherished nieces and nephews: LaQuan Staley, Dwaynne Coley II, Lea Coley; Ariyana Byers, Adia Smith, Kaley Byers, Alyssa Byers, Quintonio “Deuce” Byers II; Jameer Holmes, Zaire Holmes, Kyler Holmes; Marleigh Holmes Ratchford, and Macyn Holmes Ratchford.

Julius is also lovingly remembered by his aunts and uncles: Jacqueline “Linda” Lemon-Denton; Quinton Brice Dana Holmes Sr. (Sherry); and Kenneth “Chucky” Holmes, along with a host of cousins, extended family members, neighbors, and countless friends whose lives he touched in meaningful ways.

Though Pooh has departed this earthly life, his spirit, love, and memories will forever live on in the hearts of those who were blessed to know him.

He lived life His way!!!



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS