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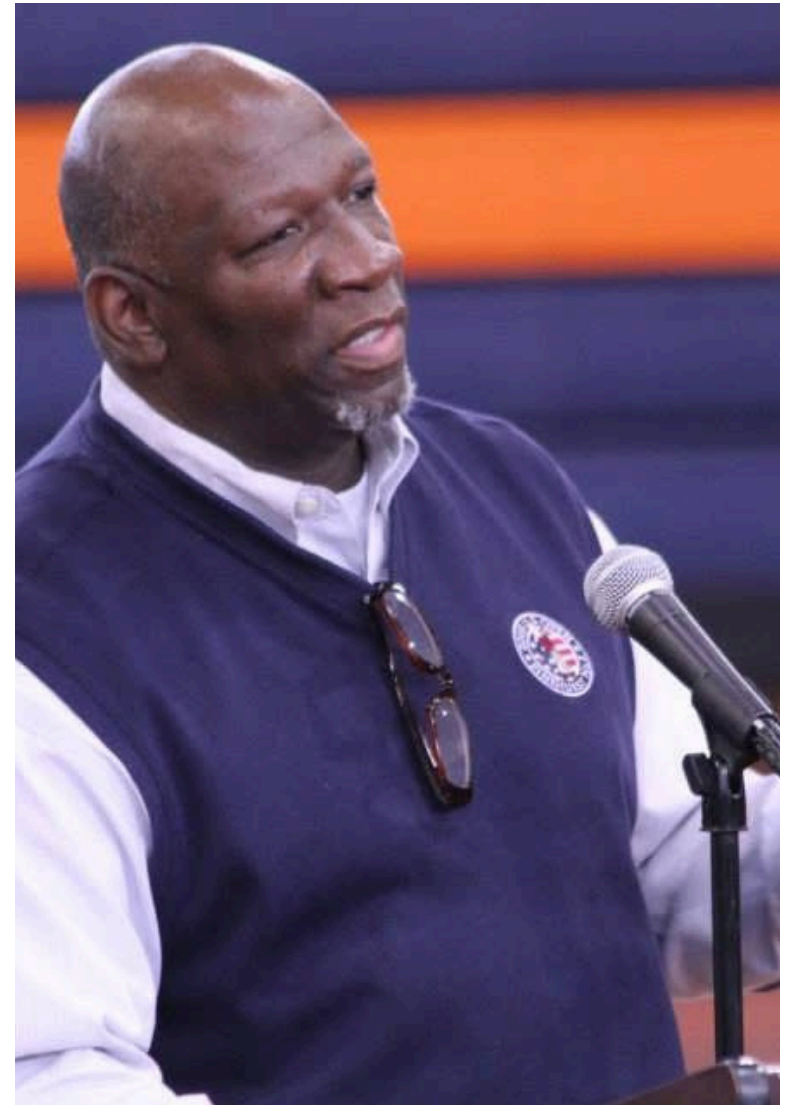
I Think I'll Call it Morning
By Gil Scott Heron

*I'm gonna take myself a piece of sunshine and paint it all over my sky.
Be no rain. Be no rain.
I'm gonna take the song from every bird and make them sing it just for me.
Be no rain.
And I think I'll call it morning from now on.
Why should I survive on sadness convince myself I've got to be alone?
Why should I subscribe to this world's madness knowing I've got to live on?
I think I'll call it morning from now on.
I'm gonna take myself a piece of sunshine and paint it all over my sky.
Be no rain. Be no rain.
I'm gonna take the song from every bird and make them sing it just for me.
Why should I hang my head?
Why should I let the tears fall from my eyes when I've seen everything that
there is to see and I know that there ain't no sense in crying!
I know that there ain't no sense in crying!
I think I'll call it morning from now on.*

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Celebrating A Life Well Lived



Alexander Gaddy Jr.

Culinary Extraordinaire & Pillar of HOLLA

November 5, 1956 ~ November 2, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

Memorial Service
Saturday, November 15, 2025
Three O'Clock Post Meridiem
HOLLA!
Morven, North Carolina

Presiding.....Mr. Leon Gatewood
Prelude.....Soft Music
Opening Remarks.....Mr. Leon Gatewood
Old Testament Reading.....Mr. Tony Streeter
New Testament Reading.....Mrs. Tonya Pegues
Prayer.....Mr. Rodriguez Teal
Special Musical Tribute.....Mr. Mike Covington
Reading Of Obituary.....Ms. Jessica Herring
Remarks.....(2 Minutes)
Words Of Comfort.....Dr. Bruce Bridges
Closing Remarks.....Mr. Leon Gatewood

Acknowledgments

The family of Alexander Gaddy, Jr. wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the many acts of love, kindness, and support shown during this time of loss. Every call, visit, prayer, and expression of sympathy is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Thank you for keeping Alexander's memory alive through the love you continue to share.

Life Reflections

Alexander Gaddy, Jr., beloved son, brother, partner, and friend, departed this life on Sunday, November 2, 2025. Born on November 5, 1956, in Wadesboro, North Carolina, Alexander was gifted with a passion for food and a love for people that shaped his life's work and legacy.

He received his early education at J.R. Faison School and Bowman High School, later attending North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. Drawn to culinary arts, Alexander forged a path that allowed him to serve others with creativity and excellence. He became the sole owner and operator of Culinary Creations, proudly serving Durham, NC; Tampa, Florida; and his home community of Anson County and surrounding areas. Known for catering countless events, Alexander delighted many with his signature dish — Jerk Chicken — crafted with unmatched skill and love.

A dedicated leader and role model, Alexander served as Activities Director for HOLLA (Helping Our Loved Ones Learn and Achieve. His passion for empowering young people reached far beyond his culinary skills, as he played a key role in introducing the sport of tennis to the community. He worked with Anson County Transportation Services, served on the Sandhills Community Action Board of Directors, and was a powerful public speaker, mentor, and advocate for providing young people with cultural, social, and educational opportunities that expanded their horizons.

Alexander was preceded in death by his parents, Geneva Streeter Gaddy and Alexander Gaddy, Sr.

His legacy continues through his devoted partner, Celester Wilkins; his beloved godchild, Jermia Peoples; his siblings: Anthony Streeter (Helen), Brenda Teal (John), Williette Herring (Raymond, deceased), and Valencia Jacqueline McKinney (George, deceased); along with aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends and community members who were impacted by his generosity and passion for life.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Hospice of Union and Scotland Counties, Southpoint Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, and Duke Medicine Center in Durham, NC, for their devoted and compassionate care.

Alexander will be remembered for his flavorful creations, his contagious joy, his servant's heart, and his belief in building a better future for the next generation. His spirit remains forever with those who were blessed to know him.