



Celebrating the Life of *Jimmy Ray* **McLaurin**

Alpha

March 19, 1953

Omega

June 9, 2025

*Saturday, June 14, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

*Rock Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
110 Rock Pisgah Church Road
Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114*

*Rev. Scottie Irvin, Pastor
Rev. Mark Johnson, Officiant*

Lifetime of Memories ...



Creed: A Father-Daughter Legacy

By Ragan

My father was many things ~ Strong. Honest. Loving. Hustling. Stubborn. Mean...and yes, even bald-headed. If you knew him, you're probably nodding, laughing, and remembering something he said that stuck with you forever.

He wasn't the mushy type, but he showed love~ deep, loyal, don't-mess-with-my-baby kind of love. He told me, "You're gonna be something one day." And no matter what I did ~ right or wrong ~ he'd say, "I got your back."

One time I got suspended for fighting because someone was talking about me. He told me, "People gon' talk about you your whole life. It's how you deal with it that gets you through."

He was also the first person I told I was pregnant. I was scared. But he didn't flinch. He said, "You aint the first to get pregnant, and you won't be the last. If you are not ready, we'll take that baby and raise him as yours. And when you're ready, we'll give him back." That love gave me strength. That's why I named my son, Creed ~ because in that moment, my father became my faith, and Creed became the promise I will carry forward.

He taught me how to brush my teeth, how to drive, and even how to curse somebody out when they really deserve it. He told me, "If you tell somebody you gon' do something, do it." And he lived that. He never told me no. He found my first car and let me make my first big-girl purchase. That was my first real-life experience, and he made it feel like a win.

He wasn't perfect~ and he didn't pretend to be. He made mistakes but he put in the work to grow. I saw it, and I appreciated it. Because it helped me.

So, this is my creed: to love hard. To keep my word. To raise my son with the same strength and softness my daddy gave me. To show up, mess up, and still grow. To be real. To live fully, laugh loudly, and go off a little when needed.

Thank you, Bald Head ~ for your lessons, your loyalty, and your love. You did your job. And I'll carry the creed on.

I love you forever

~ Your Babygirl, Ragan



Order of Service

Program Guide ~ Sis. Mary King

11:00 a.m.



Processional.....Ministers and Family

Song.....Rock Pisgah Choir

Scripture(s) Reading

Old Testament.....Rev. Willie Overby

New Testament.....Rev. Willie Overby

Prayer.....Rev. Scottie Irvin

Solo.....Bro. Willie McCullum

Eulogy.....Rev. Mark Johnson

Solo.....Mr. George Gustafson

Recessional.....Funeral Directors in Charge

OBITUARY

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4

Mr. Jimmy Ray McLaurin departed this life on June 9, 2025, at Forest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, Ms.

Jimmy Ray was born on March 19, 1953, to the late Judge McLaurin and the late Eartha and AC Anderson in Rankin County. He attended school at Turner Chapel in Raleigh, Mississippi. He left Mississippi and moved to Flint, Michigan, where he worked at Truck and Bus Motor Company. Later in life, he moved back to Mississippi and was employed with A &B Enterprise before his retirement.

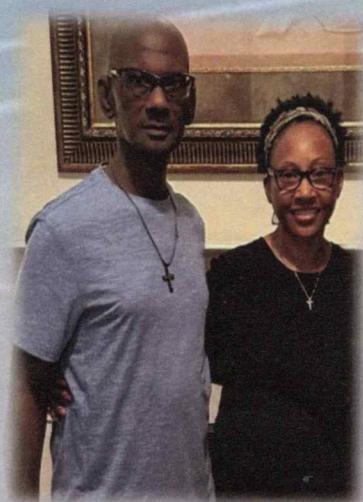
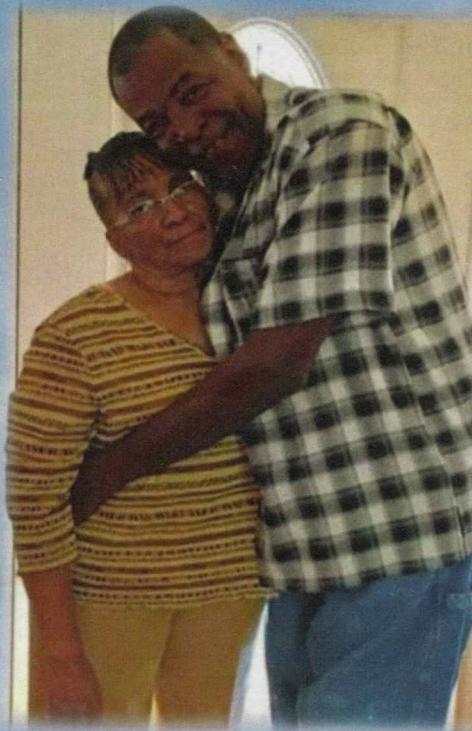
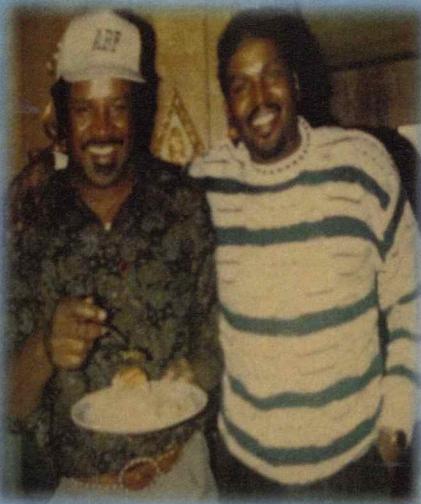
In 2003, Jimmy Ray welcomed one of his bundles of joy into this world, Miss Ragan McLaurin.

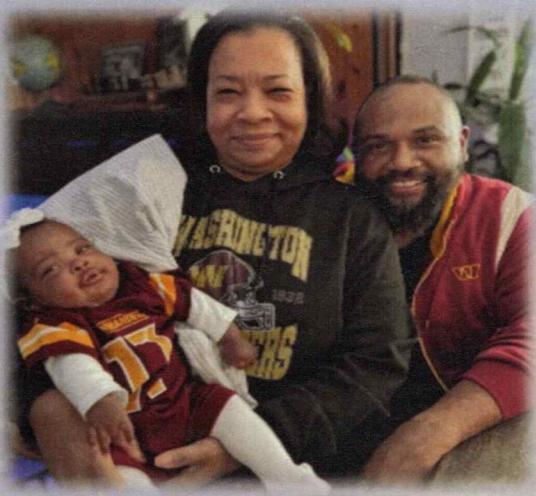
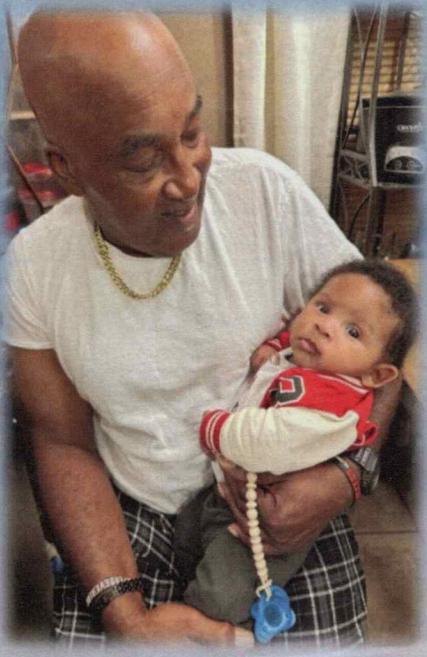
Jimmy Ray was preceded in death by both parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

Jimmy Ray leaves to cherish his memories a loving and devoted fiancée, Miss Andrea F. Keys; three children, Ragan McLaurin, James McLaurin, and Kwame Abraham; grandchildren, Creed McLaurin, Taylor McLaurin, and one great grandchild, Layla William; ten siblings, Ms Earlie Mae Coleman, Mr. Marshall (Mary) Anderson both of Brandon, Mississippi, Mrs. Carolyn (JP) Jones, Mr. Anthony (Annette) Anderson, Ms Mary Gavin, and Mr. Billy M. McLaurin, all of White Oak, Mississippi, Ms Lillie Overby of Mendenhall, Mississippi, Ms. Sandra Lee of Flint, Michigan, Mrs. Pamela (Darell) Dorsett of Memphis, Tennessee, and Ms Lonetta Anderson of Texas. Jimmy Ray also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.



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Honorary Pallbearers

*Marshall Anderson
Kwame Abraham*

*James McLaurin
Billy McLaurin
Creed McLaurin*

*Anthony Anderson
Andrew Keys*

Active Pallbearer

*Tremaine Keys
Jason Rankin*

*Martel Anderson
Eric Gholar*

*Marcus Anderson
Mark McLaurin*

*George Guston
Kendrick Gates*

Flower Bearers Family and Friends

Honorary Pall Bearers

Taylor McLaurin Layla Williams

Interment

*Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Mt. Zion Road
Mendenhall, MS 39114*

Services for Mr. Jimmy Ray McLaurin

Services Entrusted to

*Keys Funeral Home
244 Sylvarena Ave. ~ Raleigh, MS 39153*

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Rock Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgements

The McLaurin Family wishes to express gratitude to everyone for the acts of kindness shown in the passing of our loved one. Your prayers, calls and food are greatly appreciated. It will never be forgotten. May God continue to bless each of you. Thank you!

In special recognition, the family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation and thank you to Ray's fiancée Andrea Keys, for your selflessness and sacrifice shown during this most difficult time. We are grateful and you continuously and abundantly blessed for the love and care provided to him during his hospital stay.