

# PRECIOUS MEMORIES



## PALLBEARERS

*Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.*  
*Gadsden Alumni Chapter*  
Family and Friends

## FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

## INTERMENT

Elmwood Cemetery

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The Gray would like to express our sincerest thanks for your prayers, words of encouragement, acts of kindness, and support during our time of bereavement. God gives us comfort in the form of family and friends, and we are eternally grateful to you.*

*Sincerely,*  
*The Gray Family*

## SERVICE BY PROFESSIONALS

*Gadsden*  
MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

1318 EAST BROAD ST.  
GADSDEN, ALABAMA 35903  
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## CELEBRATION OF *Life and Legacy* FOR



SUNRISE  
October 9, 1978



SUNSET  
December 4, 2024

Wednesday, December 11, 2024  
11:00 AM

SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH  
1101 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Southwest  
Birmingham, Alabama 35211

*Dr. John Cantelow, III, Officiating*



# OBITUARY

*Charles Brandon Gray*, affectionately referred to as “B” or Brandon, was born in Gadsden, Alabama, on October 9, 1978. He was the first child and only son of Mr. Charles Allen Gray and the late Mrs. LaRevia Dennis Gray.

Brandon accepted Christ at an early age, joined Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Gadsden, Alabama, and was baptized by the late, Reverend Herman Spruill. He participated in the children’s ministry and choir during his formative years. This sparked his love for music and singing. Brandon, along with his twin sisters, Devin and Whitney, grew up singing in the GACC (Gadsden Area Children’s Choir) under the direction of Renita Harrell-Davis and Benita Harrell-Jemison. He continued to be a part of the GACC throughout his early adult years where he participated in reunion services for the choir.

His primary schooling began in Gadsden, Alabama, at Episcopal Day School and later St. James Catholic School. He attended Gadsden High School in Gadsden, Alabama, and graduated in 1998. His collegiate pursuits began at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he fully immersed himself in college life. Brandon participated in the Rhodes Scholarship Program and debate team. Additionally, he joined the business organization, Phi Beta Lambda. He then transferred to The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he was a member of the civic organization Circle K and the Afro-American Gospel Choir. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Business Management with a minor in Healthcare Management in 2005. Brandon also took Master’s level courses at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. Upon graduating, he secured a job as a Logistics Manager for Ryder Trucking Company where he worked for over 12 years.

He transitioned into a freelancing career which he continued until his untimely demise.

Brandon was a member of the illustrious organization of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., Gadsden Alumni Chapter. He was a notable leader in his fraternity. Brandon served as the historian for his chapter and obtained lifetime membership. After relocating to Birmingham, Alabama, he reconnected with his maternal home church, Sixth Avenue Baptist Church where he joined the Evelyn S. Hardy Men of Distinction Male Chorus. Brandon thoroughly enjoyed fellowshiping with the choir members who he viewed as his brothers.

His love of sports started as a young child. He played soccer, baseball, and football throughout his high school years. Brandon was an avid Alabama football fan, this was evident by his unwavering support for the team.

Brandon’s humor, gregarious personality and vast knowledge of a variety of topics drew many to him. He had many hobbies, collecting guns, riding motorcycles, playing video games, and taking pictures to name a few. He also loved his family and often engaged in playful banter with his sisters and father. To know Brandon, was to love him, and he will truly be missed. He was a one-of-a-kind son, brother, and friend.

He was preceded in death by his dearly beloved mother, grandparents, and a host of aunts and uncles. His legacy will live on through his father, Charles Gray, Gadsden, Alabama; loving twin sisters, Devin (Terrion) Gray Talley, Coppell, Texas, and Whitney Gray, Birmingham, Alabama; nephews, Christian, Jason and Noah Talley, Coppell, Texas, LaFrench Grimes, Dallas, Texas, T.S. (Mattie) Gray, Jr., Stephens City, Virginia; Angela Gray, Gadsden, Alabama; a host of other family members, friends, brothers of The Gadsden Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., gun enthusiasts, and motorcyclists.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

Piano Prelude ..... Mr. David Talley

Musical Selection ..... Men of Distinction Male Chorus  
The University of Alabama  
Afro American Gospel Choir

*“Lord, I Lift My Hands”*  
Virtue

Scripture Reading ..... *Psalms 23*  
Old Testament ..... Rev. Yolanda McMillian  
New Testament ..... *Romans 8:35-39*  
Brother Charlie Parker

Invocation ..... Dr. Roosevelt Mooris, Sr.

Reflections ..... Two Minutes, Please  
Ms. Angela Gray  
Mr. Renard William  
Mr. Paul Brown  
Mr. Roderick Stephens

Poem ..... Mr. John Warren

Resolutions

Musical Selection ..... Men of Distinction Male Chorus  
The University of Alabama  
Afro-American Gospel Choir

Soloist ..... Renita Harrell-Davis and Benita Harrell-Jemison

*“Lifeboat is Coming”*  
James Cleveland and  
the Southern California Community Choir

Eulogy ..... Reverend Terrion P. Talley  
Antioch Christian Fellowship  
Corinth, Texas

Musical Selection ..... Men of Distinction Male Chorus  
The University of Alabama  
Afro American Gospel Choir

*“God Has Smiled On Me”*  
James Cleveland

Final Commendation and Farewell ..... Please Read in Unison

*Those who are in Christ are with the Lord, and the Lord has promised to be with all who trust in His Son, Jesus Christ. If they are with Him and He is with us, our loved ones cannot be far away. May Brandon Gray be at peace. He will forever be with the Lord and on the day of judgment hear God say, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” Amen*

Recessional ..... Men of Distinction Male Chorus  
The University of Alabama  
Afro-American Gospel Choir

*“God is Great”*  
Christopher Watkins