



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**HAROLD**  
**CHRISTOPHER**  
*“Chris”*

APRIL 26, 1977 - JANUARY 17, 2026

*A limb has fallen from the family tree that says grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song, the good life I lived while I was strong.*

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# LIFE STORY

On Saturday, January 17, 2026, Harold Christopher, affectionately called “Chris”, transitioned from this earthly life at home, with his daughter by his side.

Chris was born in Newark, NJ, to Harold Christopher, Jr. and the late Dr. Shelia Barnes-Artis, on April 26, 1977. He was also preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Harold and Ida Christopher and maternal grandparents, James and Henrietta Dew, three uncles and two aunts. Chris later moved to Wilson, NC, where he was raised and graduated from Beddingfield High School in 1996. He worked various jobs in Wilson before attending Tractor-Trailer Driving School in Lebanon, TN, in 2000. In 2004, he married the love of his life. Together they began their life in Jacksonville, FL, where they reared their children and built a strong family foundation. After learning more about the trucking business from working within his father’s company and other companies, Chris started his own business in 2008.

When Chris wasn’t running the business, he enjoyed spending time with his family, close friends and working on his cars. In earlier years, he also enjoyed riding his motorcycles. His interest in wellness led him to begin talking to everyone about their health and offering advice. He often called his friends and family while traveling to check on them. No matter what journey he was on, he always encouraged everyone. His laughs, jokes, movie/TV series discussions, all around handyman and good home cooking will be missed by all who shared in his life.

He leaves to cherish precious memories by his wife, Claudette Christopher and three children, Detrell Chatman, Jevon and Jalea Christopher; granddaughter, Kayla McLamb; his father, Harold Christopher, Jr. (Ethel); stepfather, Wesley Artis; one brother, Shelton Barnes; sisters, Kim Christopher (Nadiyah), Dennell Jackson (Timothy), Adria Christopher, Lynette Barnes (Shantwan), Nakia West (Ron), Tekesha Sanders (Walter), Krystal Christopher and Tahira Barnes; brother-in-law, Clifton Hines; three sisters-in-law, Mary Hines Bland, Christina Battle and Monisha Whitfield; godmother, Mary Edmundson; three special siblings, Sherman Terry, Rochelle Dickerson and Carolyn Wilson; one god daughter, Kaleah Corbett; two aunts, Brenda Dew-Alston and Shelvie Jean Dew-Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# WORDS TO LIVE BY

COLOSSIANS CH.3 VERSES 1-17 (NIV)

Reads in part (v1-4) “Since, then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory”.

## MY BROTHER, MY FRIEND

In this uncertain world, I’ve always been able to count on you for your love and support. You always understand just when I need a friend or when I need a laugh. You have a heart of gold, and you have a knack for being there at the right time to lend a helping hand or voice of encouragement. I’m so happy and proud that you’re My Brother and most of all My Friend. I hold a special place for you in my heart.

You can always be certain of that Brother, I love you.

