

When I come to the end of the day  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a  
*soul set free?*  
Miss me a little, but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared-  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Maker's plan,  
A step on the road to **HOME**.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends we know, & bury your sorrows  
In doing good deeds-  
*Miss me,* but let me go.

### *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, texts, visits, your, and your prayers during this difficult time.

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# Celebration of Life



**Kenneth Barrain Jefferies Thompson**  
**Bernard Jefferies**

**Sunday**  
**June 29, 2025**  
**3:00 pm**

**Zion Hill Baptist Church**  
**Cherryville, North Carolina**  
**Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fuller, Pastor**

# LIFE JOURNEY

Kenneth Barrain Jefferies Thompson was born on June 8, 1972 to Kenneth Jefferies and the late Ruth Daniels Thompson. From the age of three months old he began to live with his great aunt Ann Grier until she passed. After Ann passed, he lived with his great uncle and aunt, George and Ann until she passed. After her death, he lived with his great aunt Rachel. He lived with his aunt Betty Jean until middle school, then he was raised and lived with his father. It takes a village of love to care for someone. Throughout his life he was affectionately known as Benard Jefferies. He dearly loved his family that cared for him.

Benard graduated from Shelby High School, Class of 1990. At his early age he attended Zion Hill Baptist Church with his aunt Rachel. Later in life, he joined Walls Memorial Baptist Church. Prior to declining health he was employed with Highland Memorial Apartments.

Benard was very talkative and family oriented. He had a heart for children. He enjoyed coaching youth in football, basketball, track & field. He was inducted into The Hall Of fame in 2024 for football.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a brother, Frankie Jefferies and a sister, Tasha Nicole Roberts; also his grandparents, Johnny and Eva Jefferies.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of five years, Jessica Osborne of the home; five children, Alysha Osborne of Shelby, NC; Tyler Osborne of Chapel Hill, NC; Charles Osborne of Shelby, NC; Haylee Dockery of Bessemer City, NC; Wyatt Baires of Gastonia, NC; father, Kenneth Jefferies of Leland, NC; five brothers, Brian Hopper of Leland, NC; Walter Lee Daniels (Sherona), James Thompson, Jr., Reggie Hicks, Anthony "Tony" Thompson all of Shelby, NC; two sisters, Patricia Sullivan of Hickory, NC; Aretha Ann Jefferies of Lincolnton, NC; four grandchildren, Cameron Pittman, Emersyn Osborne, Keilan Pittman, Jace Pittman, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Benard will be sorely missed.

# Order of Service

Rev. Nathaniel Craig, Officiating Minister

Prelude	
Processional	Ministers & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Call to Worship	Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Selection	ZHBC Choir
Old Testament Reading	Rev. Gwen Cobb
New Testament Reading	Rev. Rodney Courtney
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Robert Archie, Jr.
Selection	Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Remarks	
Selection	Maurice Bush and ZHBC Choir
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Roger Fuller
Committal	
Recessional	ZHBC Choir

Floral Bearers & Pall Bearers  
Friends of the Family