

*In Loving Memory*

**The Family Tribute**

*Mr. Samuel Harold Chambers*

*A smile for all, a heart of gold, one of the finest this world could hold  
Never selfish, always kind, these are the memories, he leaves behind....*

**Samuel Harold Chambers, Jr.**, affectionately called "Sam", passed away in South Boston, Virginia on Friday, April 17, 2020, with his loving wife, Illora, by his side.

Sam was born July 6, 1957, Chapel Hill, North Carolina to the late Samuel and Nellie Chambers.

He received his early education in the Halifax County School System. After graduation from Halifax County High School, he attended North Carolina Central University and majored in Psychology and received a Master of Public Administration at North Carolina State University. Sam served as Assistant City Manager of Goldsboro, NC; Assistant City Manager of Hickory, NC and Assistant City Manager of North Las Vegas, NV retiring from North Carolina and Nevada local government in 2018.

Sam leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his beloved wife, Illora Rankin Chambers of the home; a sister, Prudence Mavis Chambers of South Boston, VA; his mother-in-law, Mary Rankin Derr of Statesville, NC; his brother-in-law, Eric (Mary) Rankin of Hickory, NC; his niece Jontae Tyshawn (Leon) Buxton of Winston-Salem, NC; his nephew, Eric Rankin, II of Hickory, NC; his godson, Dontre Smith of Alexandria, VA; three great nephews, Braylon Buxton, Peyton Buxton, and Mason Buxton, all of Winston-Salem, NC; a host of cousins, other relatives, friends and his beloved "service dog" Banksy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Keith G. Chambers.



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I thought of you with love today,  
but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too.

I think of you in silence,  
I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.

Your memory's my keepsake,  
With which I'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
I have you in my heart.

*Love will be what we remember the most!*

*The Order of Service*

**Reverend Kaye B. Ziglar, Officiating**  
**Reverend Dr. Earl C. Johnson, Eulogist**

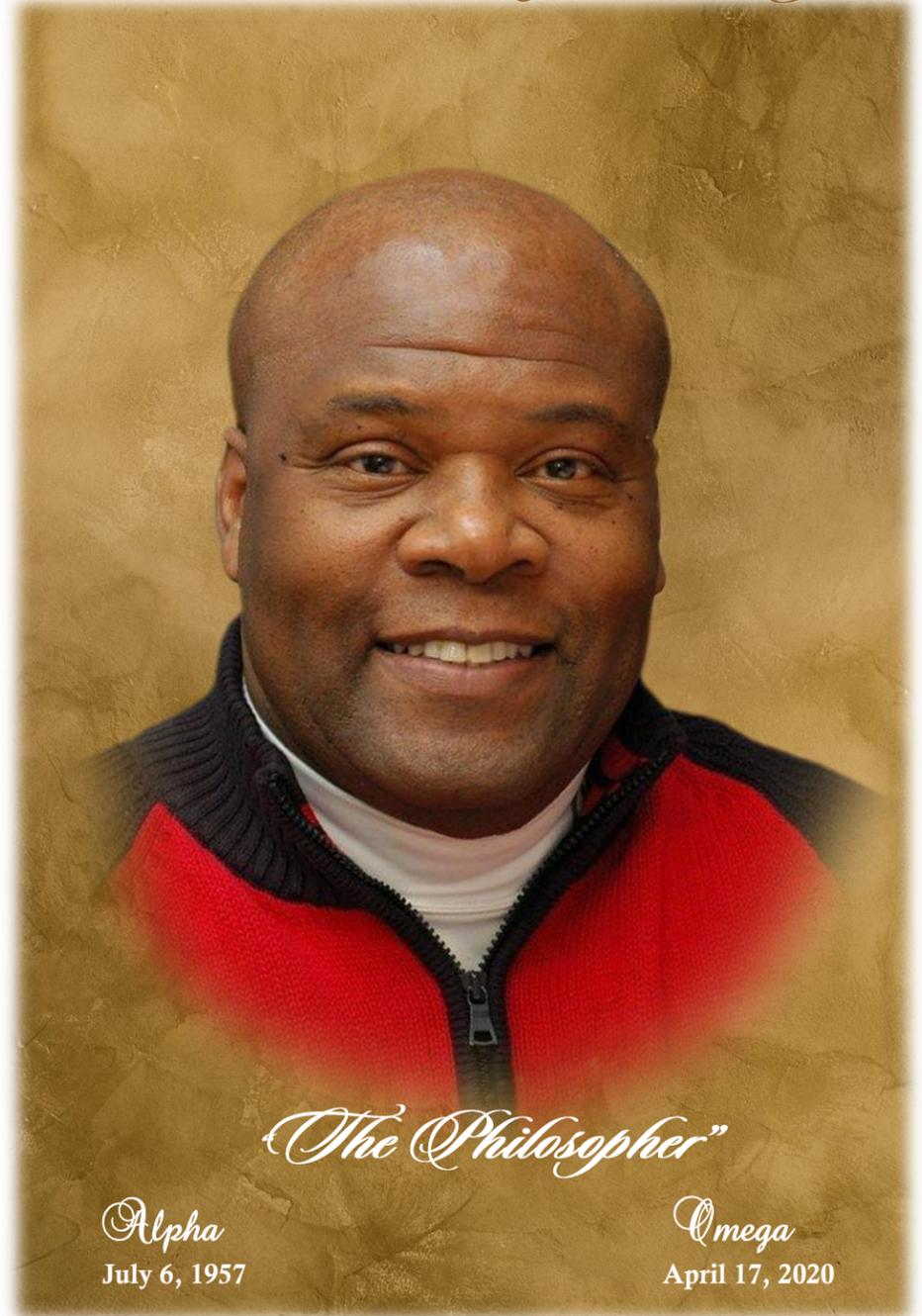
- The Musical Prelude ..... Soft Music
- The Scriptures ..... Reverend Kaye B. Ziglar
  - Old Testament : *Psalms 27:1-4*
  - New Testament: *I Corinthians 15:51-57*
- The Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Kaye B. Ziglar
- The Reflections ..... JoAnn Brown
  - Rendered for life-long pal, Sharon C. Graves*
- The Acknowledgments
- The Commemorative Presentation .....Funeral Director
- The Solo: "*His Eye Is On The Sparrow*" ..... Linda Hairston
- The Eulogy..... Reverend Dr. Earl C. Johnson
  - Devoted Classmate and Friend*
- The Selection: "*Gratefulness*" .....Family
- The Committal ..... Reverend Kaye B. Ziglar
- The Benediction ..... Reverend Kaye B. Ziglar
- The Recessional

*At The Logan Presbyterian Church Cemetery*

- 209 Logan New Amity Road
- Scotts, North Carolina
- The Gathering of the Christian Community*
- The Placing of the Casket*
- The Prayer of Benediction*
- The Final Departure*



*Celebrating the Life and Legacy  
of  
Samuel Harold Chambers, Jr.*



*"The Philosopher"*

*Alpha*  
July 6, 1957

*Omega*  
April 17, 2020

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
2:00 p.m.  
**Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary**  
603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC  
**Officiant: Rev. Kaye B. Ziglar**  
**Eulogist: Rev. Dr. Earl C. Johnson**



*Love*  
*Sam & Illora*

*With Our Thanks*

Illora, Prudence, and the entire Chambers family expresses deep appreciation for all acts of kindness shown in this moment of sorrow. Special thanks for his care and treatment to Duke Cancer Center, Durham, NC and appreciation to the Liberty HomeCare & Hospice Services of Danville, VA. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Sam and for remembering us during his illness and passing. May God shower all of you with His storehouse of blessings.

**The Family**

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