

The Family Tribute

Mr. Russell Albert McClelland

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning

Russell was born in Statesville NC on April 13, 1977 to Patricia Diane Smoot McClelland and Albert Dean McClelland. He was born premature and came into this world early, He tragically departed this world way too soon on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Russell's pride and joy was his daughter, River. His wife, Syretta, was a close second. He was definitely all about his family and was happiest when he was in the midst of a family gathering. He would always say that he got that trait from his Papa.

Russell was the life of every party, and his smile was infectious. To know him was to love him. Russell didn't meet a stranger, and his inviting spirit put everyone at ease.

He was a self proclaimed grill master and welcomed a cook off for any one that would dare to test his skills. Again, a trait that Russell said he got from his Papa.

During football season, Russell was able to combine his love of family with his love of football.. Carolina Panthers was his team, and if Russell wasn't at the game, he wanted to be somewhere around the stadium tailgating. Russell's tailgating parties were a family affair. He would be up at the crack of dawn to make sure that he got the best tailgating spot.

Russell accomplished anything that he set mind on. From finishing school, to opening a business, to learning to landscape, or replacing the kitchen sink. Russell did what needed to be done and didn't complain.

Russell is survived by his wife of 25 years, Syretta, his daughter, River, his mother and father, Patricia and Albert, mother-in-law, Pansy, grandmother, Beatrice, 2 brothers, Rufus and Tyrell, 2 sisters, Kimberly and Rena, brother-in-law, Shawn, sister-in-law, Kizzy, 7 nieces, Destiny, Kortney, Raven, Amber, Rue, Diorah, and Chloe, 3 nephews, Malik, Skye, and Divine, aunts, Rhonda, Virginia, Peggy, Phyllis, Lynn, Sharon, Tina, Donna, Freida, and Sherry; uncles, Ricky, Dennis, Ed and Jeff; cousins, other relatives and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his papa, Rondal, 3 aunts, Carol, Sharon, Sherry, cousin, Nikki, and nephew, Dakai. Russell, we already miss you terribly..

Missing You Always

*You never said I'm leaving, you never said Goodbye
You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why
In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still
In my heart I hold a place, that only you can fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone
A part of me went with you, the day God took you home.*

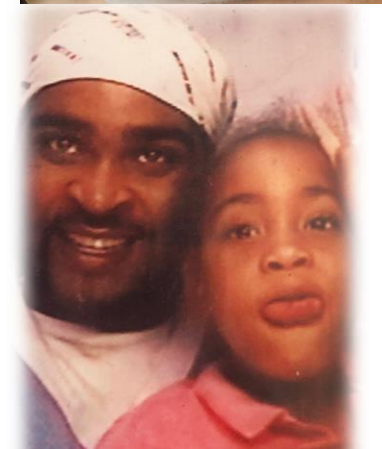
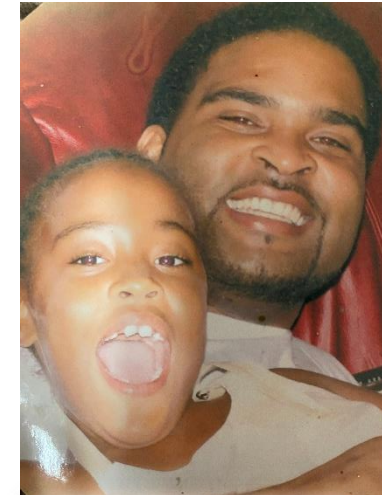
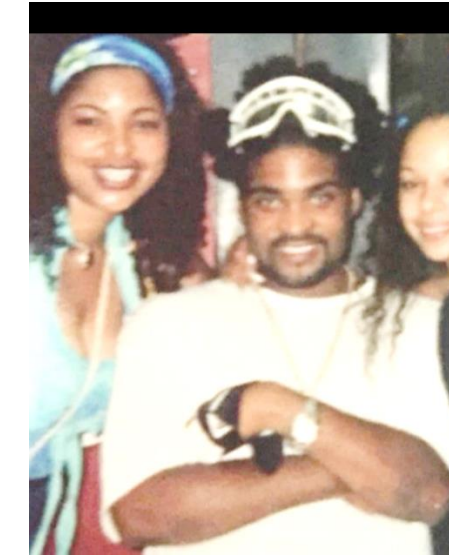
The Celebration of Life for *Mr. Russell Albert McClelland*

Elder Tim Dalton, Officiating
Bishop Terry Dalton, Eulogist
Keith Holland, Musician

The Viewing of the Video

The Order of Service

- The Invocation
- The Scripture
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
- The Prayer of Comfort
- The Special Music
- The EulogyBishop Terry Dalton
- The Recessional



Celebrating the Life of
Russell Albert McClelland



Friday, July 24, 2020

5:00 p.m.

**Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina**

**Elder Tim Dalton, Officiating
Bishop Terry Dalton, Eulogist**



With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved "Big Russ" and for remembering us during his passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding.

The Family



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