

*Celebrating The
Life Of*



Marquis ANTHONY BRANCH II

Sunrise: JULY 7, 1999 - *Sunset:* OCTOBER 19, 2020

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 11:00am
Fort Bend Memorial Planning Center
15006 Highway 6, Rosharon, TX 77583

Minister Guy Paul Branch: Officiating

Life Celebration of **MARQUIS ANTHONY BRANCH II**

July 7, 1999 – October 19, 2020

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."
Matthew 6:33

Marquis Anthony Branch ("Keecie") was born to Latrice Renee Simmons & Marquis Anthony Branch, Sr. on July 07, 1999, in Houston, Texas. At the age of 9, he confessed Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at Silverlake Church in Pearland, TX. As an adult he joined Renewed Mind Ministry where he continued to grow spiritually and deepen his love for Christ.

Marquis was a rambunctious child who loved music & learned to play the drums. He attended Pearland and Greater Houston Area schools, graduating from Dobie High School on June 5, 2018. From a very young age he developed a passion for sports. He played little league football throughout his childhood, achieving his dream of playing varsity football in his senior year of high school. During his academic career, he was a member of the band and competed on the debate team. He was a great debater, winning competitions at the local and state level. He aspired to compete at the national level.

Marquis was conquering his inner struggles and on August 6, 2018, he married and began an adult journey in life with a goal of "breaking generational curses" (his words). Marquis became a first-time father on January 17, 2019, one of his proudest moments. The union was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Elizabeth Renee (22 months) and Ella Rose (6 months). He was a gentle, devoted, nurturing and compassionate father to his daughters. His love was evident by all who witnessed him with Elizabeth and Ella. He'd eagerly rush home just to put both of the girls to bed for the night, they were his heartbeats.

Marquis was a deep thinker with many dreams. He would make his next move, his best move. He was the oldest of three and a creative and natural leader of the "MAD Bunch" (Marquis, Arianna, Dylan). He was the self-appointed "Chief" & protector of his mother & siblings. Marquis had a passion for interacting with others and made a positive and powerful impact on many people while working in oil & gas industry and as a car salesman. Living by his motto of "Thrive or Starve", he lived the years God blessed him with on a path to success. He generously shared his welcoming smile and always pushed to improve and elevate. He leaves us ALL a legacy of love, hospitality and generosity unsurpassed. Whatever Marquis started he was always recognized at the top of his game. He ultimately aspired to be an entertainment lawyer and manage his own recorded label. Everyone knew Keecie loved music, fine cars & clothes. Always remember the words of our Big Boy in life and know you are manifesting your destiny when you say, "Thrive or Starve". He reminded us to hold fast to Jesus and store up His promises in our hearts. Jesus will give perfect peace to those whose eyes are fixed on Him. Marquis was a blessing to our lives and one day we will all be together again!

Marquis was preceded in death by: great-grandparents Johnnie & George Branch, Andrew & Hilda Simmons and RC & Beatrice Washington, uncles James Wooten and LK Word Jr. and cousins LK Word III and Chloe Love.

He leaves to celebrate his benevolent spirit: two daughters, Elizabeth Renee and Ella Rose Branch; parents Latrice Renee Simmons and Marquis Anthony Branch, Sr.; sister, Arianna Sampson; brother, Dylan Simmons; grandparents, Bertha & Willie Cole, Milton & Signora Simmons and Myra Branch; aunts, Jesseca Simmons, Brittnae Simmons, Shamyra Branch and Chrissy McCray; great-aunts, Ruby Word, Linda Wooten and Marilyn Simmons; great-uncles, Guy Branch, Byron Branch, Frederick Branch, Andrew Simmons Jr., Craig Simmons, Aaron Simmons and Eric Simmons (Kris); godparents, Michael & Brandi Powell and Willie Scott; and a host of cousins, family & close friends!

Order of Service

Minister Guy Paul Branch
Officiating

MUSICAL PROCESSIONAL
Clergy and Family

MUSICAL SELECTION
Robert Swearington, Musician in Charge

PRAYER
Bro. Joe Adeloye

SCRIPTURE READING
NEW & OLD TESTAMENT
Bro. Curtis Williams

RESOLUTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Sis. Wanda Williams

EXPRESSIONS
Co-Worker: Randy Jackson
Friend: Lawson Howard
Family: Sedrick Mercer

OBITUARY
Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY
Bishop Abram Dixon
Renewed Minds Ministries, Senior Pastor

RECESSIONAL
FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE





Loving Tributes

To my baby Marquis as I sit here writing this, I am simply lost for words to say. Son we had big plans and this just doesn't seem real. I love you more than words can ever express. I will make sure Elizabeth and Ella know EXACTLY who you are. I will make sure they become the women you would have groomed them to be because we all know how much they love you. Son you will always be my first love! I love you. "Thrive and Strave".

Sincerely ~Mama

Even though it has not been long since the day that you were taken from us... People tell me, time will heal not having you here. This seems so unreal! I feel like I'm living in a nightmare then reality hits and I want to scream. You are my first love, my only son.. 21 years old your life just begun. So short and unfair, this pain is so rare. You grew into a man that I wasn't, how I wish I could trade places. Just to bring you back and see my two beautiful granddaughter's faces. I keep thinking, what would I do if I had another moment to say I LOVE YOU!

Love, ~Papa Keyso

Marquis,

As I am sitting here in total shock and disbelief, trying to write and see past my tears... I'm reminded of that day when you were 4 years old and we were on vacation. You begged me to let you go parasailing. I said, "No way!" but you were insistent, so I finally gave in. I didn't trust anyone to ride and hold you except me. You and I geared up and the wind lifted us high up in the sky! I was so nervous but you were so brave. You took my arms and wrapped them around you saying "Don't be afraid Nana, just hold onto me!" You were in awe and helped me to calm down to see the beauty and majestic sea, land and sky. When we landed, you were so excited and pointed upward and said, "I was flying up there in Heaven!" Son in the last few years you were conquering your emotional conflict and your dreams were manifesting... you were Soaring! So, I am smiling really big now because I know you are in Heaven with Christ, whom we both Trust & LOVE! You ARE my heart forever! xoxo

Nana Bird



Loving Tributes

Marquis

It has been super hard for me down here without you. I never saw anything like this coming and it is so hard to process because all I can see is you being excited every minute of the day. I don't know what to do without you. I know I have to do this for you, mama and Ari, but my head is not stable to think. Every time someone brings up what happened, I want to do something so crazy. Then when I'm alone, I want to do good for you and your name but its hard to not see what happened to you. Everyone in the family is sad right now but nobody knows how I feel and what I think. Why did I have to see you go. Why, why, why... It feels like I am not even me no more without you. You never wanted me to live like you. You always wanted me to be better than you. I am going to do my best to make you proud. You are my **SuperHero**
I love you Bro, ~Dylan

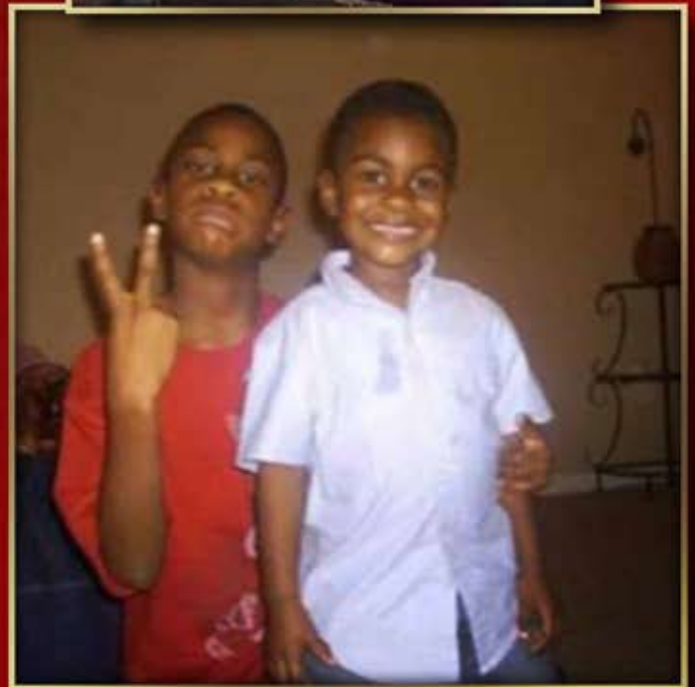


My first grandson, those special memories of you will always bring a smile. If only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do. You always meant so very much and always will. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain! You are forever in my heart until we meet again.

Love, ~Nana Myra

Dear Brother,

I love you with all of my heart. I'm sorry that you left how you left. You are in a better place and I know you're at peace, I saw it on your face. I'm hurting more than you can imagine but I am going to be okay. I am going to do my part and make sure your girls have a good life. I will always remind them of how much you love them. You were my protector, my father, and most of all my best friend. Yeah, we fought the most but we'd go to war behind each other. You always said, "Ari either you gone thrive or starve in this world." We had a bet to see who would be rich first. Even though you aren't here to finish the bet, I promise big brother, I will make you proud. You had big dreams brother. You had an imagination that I have never seen before and I was slowly starting to see all of it come true. Even though you didn't complete what you started, I will finish it. You can finally rest Fat Boy. I love you forever and I will never forget about you. ~Ari



Active Pallbearers

Joe Adeloye • Javier Hernandez
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Juntre Francis • Dustin Simmons

Honorary Pallbearers

LeKendrick Babers • Alzo Reddick, Jr.
William Babers • Louis Taylor II
Corin Branch • Keith Watson
Julian Branch • Brent Williams
Nicholas Holt • Don Williams
Franklin Mercer • Rodney J. Wooten

Words of Gratitude

Perhaps you sent a card, you may have made a phone call, sent a text, posted on social media or stopped by to visit. Whatever expression of kindness you have shown is greatly appreciated. You never know just how many friends you have until you have lost a loved. Please continue to pray for us as we go through this difficult time.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Bishop Abram Dixon and the "PC Village" (Bertha's BFFs, a very loyal devoted group of friends), and everyone who assisted with the food, Tonis_Detailing (Antonio Hernandez). Your kindness & assistance will never be forgotten.

~The Simmons & Branch Family

Repast

Dinner will be served in the banquet hall immediately following the services.

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