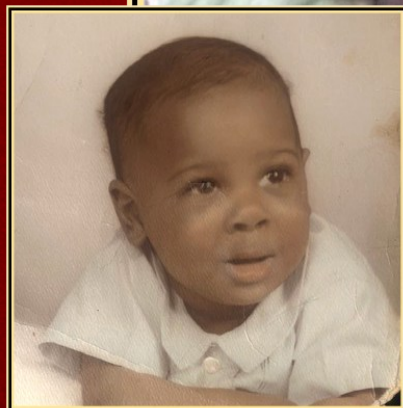


In Loving Memory of  
**RODNEY D. SETTLES**

December 10, 1965 ~ October 12, 2024



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

**10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE**

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# OBITUARY

**Rodney D. Settles** was born on December 10, 1965, in Washington, D.C., to Johnny and Barbara Settles. He departed this earthly life on October 12, 2024.

Rodney, the oldest child, was raised by his parents in Southeast Washington, D.C., and attended public schools there, graduating from Spingarn High School. He was subsequently employed by the United States Postal Service for 18 years as a mail carrier.

Rodney was a family man who enjoyed holiday gatherings, especially the Fourth of July fireworks celebrations, and decorating for Christmas. He also enjoyed watching World Wrestling Entertainment and court shows such as Judge Judy and Paternity Court.

A devoted son to his mother, Barbara, he was always there when she needed him—she could count on him. Similarly, he was a devoted older brother to Damon affectionately known as “Baybay.” Rodney truly loved his family and was always ready to assist others where he could. Moreover, he adored children and was considered a godfather to many.

In addition to family, Rodney enjoyed spending time with his devoted special friends: Kattie Kornegay, Pete McConnell, Pepito Garrido, Otis Thorns, and the Fort David’s Crew all of whom can attest to the fact that Rodney loved fried chicken. One didn’t have to worry about him when he was eating his favorite food. As a child, he was fixated with cars, driving while underage and without a license.

Rodney accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior in 1990 and joined From the Heart Church Ministries.

Rodney, lovable and well liked, will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Barbara Settles; brother, Damon Settles; niece, Shardnell Swan; nephew, Jaquan Morris; aunts: Joyce Toye, Linda Simon, and Darlene Thorns; uncles: Dennis Sharp, Charles Sharp, Mark Sharp, and Otis Thorns; great-aunt, Shirley Mason; and a host of other family and friends.

Rodney was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Settles.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Invocation

Congregational Hymn .....“God Will Take Care of You”

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7  
New Testament: II Corinthians 1:3-4

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection .....Ms. Tiara Brown

## Acknowledgements

## Remarks

Ms. Frances Frazier, Adopted Aunt  
Mr. Pete McConnell, Friend  
Ms. Joyce Toyne, Aunt  
Ms. Darlene Thomas, Aunt

Poem .....Ms. Brenda Haliburton

Obituary .....Ms. Brenda Haliburton

Song of Preparation .....Ms. Tiara Brown

Message of Hope .....Reverend Porter L. Lawson, Jr.

## Call to Christ

## Recessional

### Interment

Fort Lincoln Cemetery  
3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, Maryland 20722

# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

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## "Eternal Light"

Your radiant soul, now free from pain,  
Shines bright in heaven's loving rain.  
Though earthly bonds have been undone,  
Your spirit lives, forever young.

In realms of light, you now reside,  
Guiding us, side by side.  
Memories of laughter, tears and cheer,  
Remind us of the love we hold dear.

Your journey here may have ended brief,  
But eternal life begins anew in relief.  
Our hearts, though heavy with grief and pain,  
Find solace knowing you're not in vain.

Your love, a flame that burns so bright,  
Illuminates our darkest night.  
Through every tear, a smile will gleam,  
For in heaven's warmth, your love beams.

Rest, dear son, in peaceful sleep,  
May angels' wings your soul keep.  
We'll hold you close in memory's grasp,  
Until we meet again at last.

~ Love, Ma

## "My Brother Rodney"

A gentle soul, a loving heart,  
You left us too soon, yet never apart.  
In memories, your smile shines bright,  
Guiding us through the darkest night.

With laughter, adventures, and shared tears,  
Our bond remains, through all the years.  
Your kindness, humor, and caring ways,  
Inspired us daily, in every phase.

Though your physical presence is gone,  
Your spirit lives on, forever strong.  
In our hearts, your love will stay,  
A cherished brother, every day.

We'll miss your guidance, your helping hand,  
But know you're in a peaceful land.  
Free from pain, free from fear,  
Watching over us, always near.

Rest in peace, dear brother of mine,  
Your memory will forever shine.  
In our lives, your legacy stays,  
A loving brother, in every way.

~ Love Damon

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*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. " Isaiah 41:10*

We have known Rodney for over 50 years. We met him as an infant when his mother joined our Social Group called Soul Sisters Unlimited. He and his brother Damon became our little adopted nephews. Some of our greatest memories, when Rodney was young, were our annual outing on Easter Monday to Hershey Park and the Zoo with all of the other children in our circle.

Rodney was always a very respectful young man. His heart was pure, kind, and compassionate. He touched the lives of everyone he met and left an indelible mark on our hearts. He loved family and friends, and he didn't take them for granted. Rodney's legacy is a source of comfort and a guiding light. It reminds us to live each day with purpose and to embrace it to the fullest.

He respected the elders. Even when he was doing things he shouldn't have been doing, we would talk to him about Life's ups and downs, Self-Care, and loving himself. He would listen tentatively to us and say, "Yes, Ma'am, I'm going to do better." We always ended our conversation with a Scripture and a prayer and he would say "Thank You", I needed that.

Though he may no longer be physically with us, his spirit lives on through the love and memories we hold dear, reminding us that even in the darkest of times, there is light and hope. Rest in Peace Rodney. We miss you already.

~ Love Your Adopted Aunties: Frances Frazier, Bessie Dozier, and Sylvia Williams

# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

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## Memories of Rodney...

Today is full of memories  
Of a nephew laid to rest  
And every single one of them  
Is filled with happiness.  
I always thought your mom named you after Rodney Harrington  
from the TV show "Peyton Place" who did things Rodney's way!  
Yes, you Nephew did things Rodney's way too.  
I'll think of all the good times we had on Otis Street.  
Where everyone that knew called you "Lil Rock."  
How you loved to eat; especially chicken, steak, and pork chops  
to name a few  
Oh, I can't forget you and childhood friend Herbie eating all the  
pork chops Grandma fixed for dinner, but you left the mash  
potatoes and vegetables.  
There are lots more memories of Otis Street but I've only shared  
a few. Nephew when I think of Otis Street, I'll think of you!

~ Love Aunt Darlene

## Heavenly Father,

I hear you calling me as I make my way  
towards the eternal life no longer will I  
have to endure the stressful days or nights.  
I tried my best not to disappoint you Lord,  
but I'm not a perfect man, and that's why  
when I needed you the most, I could feel  
the presence of your hands.. I want all my  
family and friends to rejoice together as we  
reminisce about my life and times. Don't  
be sad because it's a celebration of a  
special friend who allowed his light to  
shine. As we say our last good byes to one  
another, I have just one last request, send a  
message to my Heavenly Father and tell  
him that I did my best.

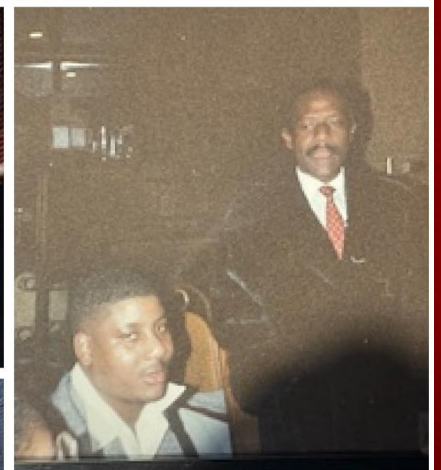
~ Your friend for life, Kattie Kornegay

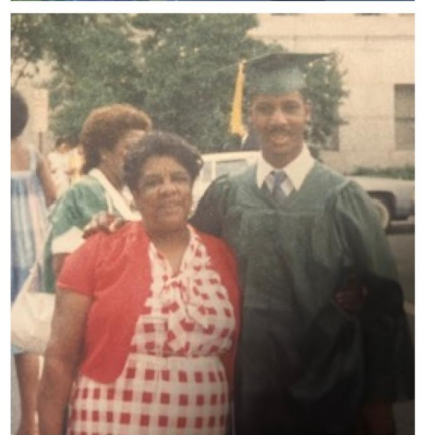
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I remember the beautiful baby boy as he came into this world.  
The little boy so full of full energy, one could barely keep up with him.  
I remember as he grew, and what a hearty appetite he had, and how that love for food continued as he  
became a man.  
I remember him trying to drive a car when he was six years old, and his love of driving continued  
through his teenage years and beyond.  
I remember the little boy bringing some of the neighborhood children into Grandma's kitchen and  
feeding them our dinner.  
And as a man, he always fed those who were hungry.  
To Rodney my dear nephew, who had a heart of gold. A heart full of love.  
I will always remember his beautiful smile, that would light up when he was making others happy.  
I will always remember his kindness, his generosity, and always trying to be there for so many people.  
I can truly say he will be missed by all that knew him.  
Rodney, loved by many.  
A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memory near.  
No more tears as you rest dear Rodney. I pray your soul lies peacefully.  
I know you did your best.  
~ Love, Aunt Linda

Rodney as I wrote this I thought of this scripture, because I thought it was you:

*"Have I not wept for the one whose life is hard? Was not my soul grieved for the needy?" Job 30:25*





# CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

## God Will Take Care of You

*Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;  
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.*

### *Chorus:*

*God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

*Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.*

### *Chorus*

*All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;  
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.*

### *Chorus*

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The entire Settles family sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

### PALLBEARERS

Pepito Garrido, Nelvin Jenkins, Randy Miller  
David Simmons, Taruis Tate, and Tyrone Taylor

### FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mark Fassett and Derwin Scott

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