

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



July 9, 1986 ~ April 10, 2026

Darian Marcel Ragland

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES®
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BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR

Obituary

The world lost a bright and loving soul when **Darian Marcel Ragland**, 39, was suddenly called home to be with his Heavenly Father on April 10, 2026. Born on July 9, 1986, Darian was the beloved son of Ronald Lee Ragland, Sr., and Judy Ann Ragland.

Darian was educated in the Prince George's County Public Schools and proudly graduated from Gwynn Park High School in June 2004. Throughout his life, he developed a strong work ethic and a variety of skills. He worked as a cook at Lefty's Barbeque, where they praised his diligence, commitment, and professionalism. He also contributed his talents to Community Bridge Landscaping Company and was a contract employee with J.P.A. who installed graphs on metrobuses and trains.

Darian joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 1992 as a child. He later rejoined in 2007 as an adult. A man of growing faith, he rededicated his life to Jesus Christ and was baptized on October 25, 2025. He made every effort to raise his standard of living and was steadfast in his Christian walk. As a result, he felt the transformational power of God changing him from the inside out, and others saw it. His love for God, family, and life itself were evident to all who knew him.

Above all, Darian cherished being a father. On August 8, 2018, he was blessed with a beautiful daughter, JaNiyah Adrianna Ragland, who was truly the light of his life. He also had a deep passion for cars, music, and spending time with those he loved.

Darian's presence brought joy, laughter, and love to everyone around him. Though he is no longer with us, his memory will forever live in the hearts of those who loved him.

Darian leaves to cherish his memory, his loving daughter, JaNiyah Adrianna Ragland; devoted mother, Judy Stradford Ragland; father, Ronald Lee Ragland, Sr.; nieces, Jasmyn Ronee' Ragland and Quartney Jenelle Devore; nephew, Quentin Jermaine Devore; three aunts; four uncles; godparents, Reverend Kermit and Paulette Moore; spiritual mothers, Cynthia Lorraine Hines and Shirley Lawson; and a host of cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

Darian was preceded in death by his brothers, Ronald Ragland, Jr., and Quentin Joavar Ragland.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn“O How I Love Jesus”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 37:3-9

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Mr. Adrian Gause

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mrs. Cynthia Hines, Spiritual Mother

Mr. Earl Horton, Supervisor

Ms. Vera Mooreland, Family Friend

Poem Miss JaNiyah Adrianna Ragland

Obituary *(Read Silently)*

Song of Preparation Mr. Adrian Gause

Message of Hope Reverend Justin K. Young

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment:

Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Road | Clinton, Maryland 20735

Family Sentiments

My Star

When I miss my daddy, I look up high. I know he's watching from the sky. In every star, so bright above, I feel his hugs, I feel his love.

I can't see him, but I still know, he's in my heart wherever I go.

-JaNiyah Adrianna Ragland

My Son, Always Mine

My son, my heart, my steady light. I still whisper your name at night. The world moves on, but mine stands still. Trying to bend to a broken will.

I miss your voice, your laugh, your way. The things you'd do, the words you'd say. A grown man, strong, yet still my child, the one who made my world worthwhile.

*Though I can't hold you like before, you're in my heart forevermore. No matter the years that came and went, you'll always be my son
– heaven sent.*

-Judy Ragland

Family Sentiments

From Your Cousins

Though we didn't talk every day
Or share every moment in life,
You were still a part of us,
Still family, still a light.

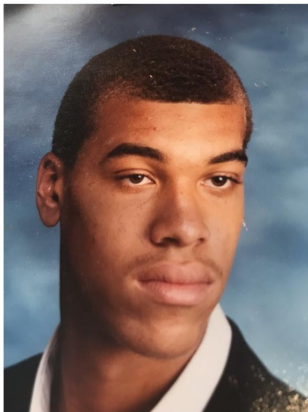
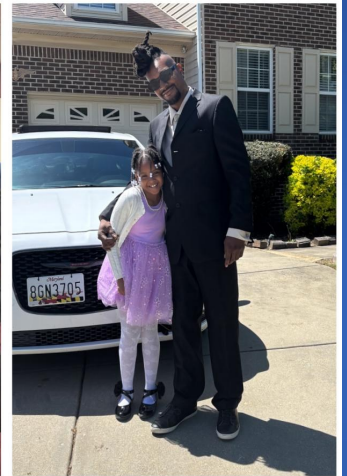
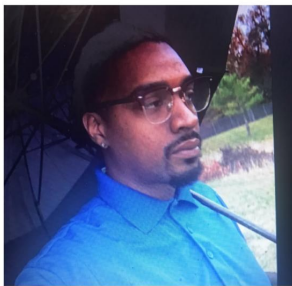
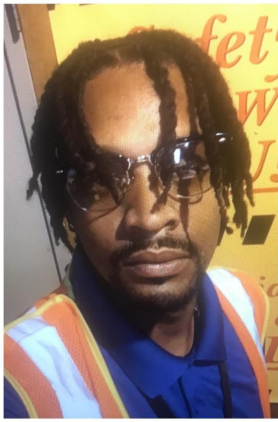
We grew up on the same roots,
Connected in ways words can't explain,
And even from a distance,
Your life still left its name.

Today we stand in quiet reflection,
Sending prayers and love your way,
Honoring who you were
And the memories that will stay.

Gone too soon, but not forgotten,
Your presence will remain,
Forever in our hearts as family,
Beyond the loss, beyond the pain.

-Tamia Ward





Congregational Hymn

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

*There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest Name on earth.*

Chorus

*O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.*

Chorus

*It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.*

Chorus

Acknowledgement

*The family of Darian Marcel Ragland acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement.
May God richly bless you. We love you all.*

Pallbearers

*Calvin Brown, Damensio Frazier, Anthony Mitchell, Clayton Stewart
William Ward and Frankie Williams*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted To:

*Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home
3910 Silver Hill Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746*