



Mr. Antonio Terrell Thedford

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Mr. Antonio Terrell Thedford was born as a second child to Linda McClelland and Jacki- Taylor on April 4, 1971 in Meridian, Mississippi. He fell in love with the game of football as a child before becoming one of Meridian High School's greatest defensive ends in school history. The defensive line he played with was labeled notoriously as "The 4 Horsemen". "Tony" contributed to the success of two championships at Meridian High School. He remained faithful and a die-hard WILDCAT until his death. "Tony" met his first love, Elaine Naylor, as a young teenager and was married for 16 years. To this union 3 children were born. Years later he remarried, as he was a man with a big heart, to Tomeka Hopson, and to their 7 year union 2 baby girls were born. He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents. Antonio loved 2 things in life, his children and Meridian High School football. Antonio answered his Father's call to suit up in a Heavenly -Wildcat uniform on May 20, 2023 at his home. He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving mother, Linda Brown of Meridian, MS; (2) sons, Antonio (Xavier) Naylor and Dexter (Tybrisha) Thedford both of Meridian, MS; (3) daughters, Aliah Thedford of Lauderdale, MS, Charity and Victoria Thedford both of Gulfport, MS; (2) sisters, LaTonya Gibbs and Letita (Tommy) Watson of Meridian, MS; (1) brother, Sampson Hudson of Meridian, MS; (3) aunts, Irene (Lonnell) Jordan, Elma McClelland and Dorothy (John) Carver; (2) uncles, Charles McClelland and Johnny Ray McClelland; (4) grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that loved him and will miss him dearly.






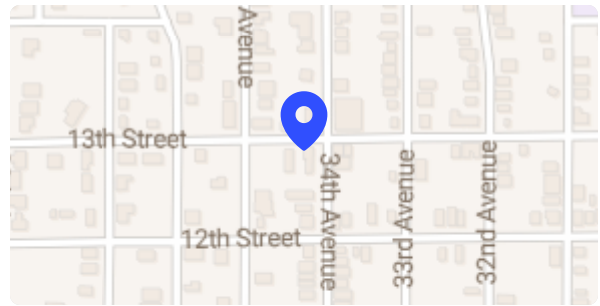
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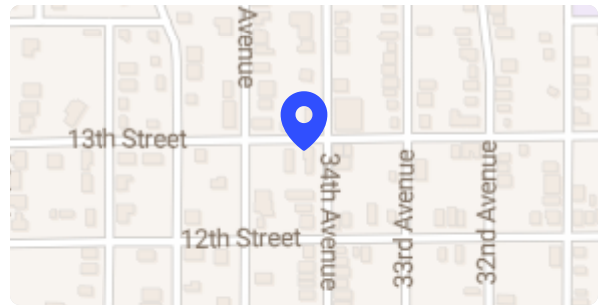
Visitation

-  **Friday, May 26, 2023**
-  5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
-  **Berry and Gardner Funeral Home - OP Chapel**
1221 34th Avenue, Meridian MS 39301






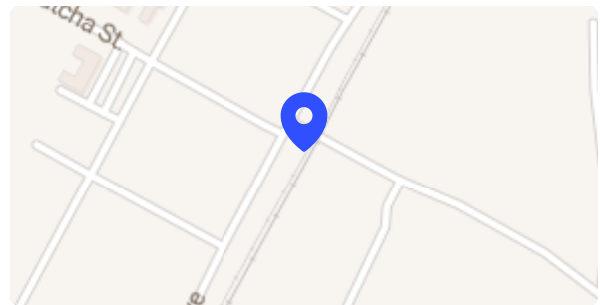
Funeral Service

-  **Saturday, May 27, 2023**
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Berry and Gardner Funeral Home - OP Chapel**
1221 34th Avenue, Meridian MS 39301
-  Rev. Willie Ray Clark, Officiating



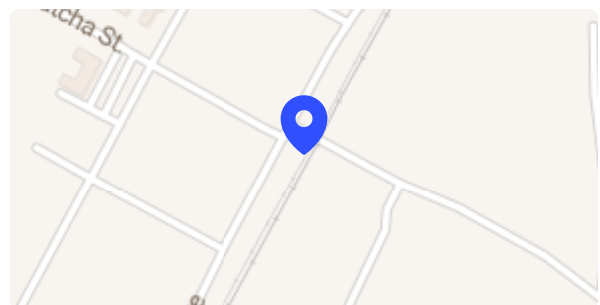
Burial

-  **Saturday, May 27, 2023**
-  12:30 PM CT
-  **Friendly Community Cemetery**
Marion MS



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thedford family.



May 24 at 7:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Antonio by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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