

Order of Service

MR. **Anthony "Tony" Ellis**

Officiating/Eulogist
Pastor Terence Renard Gray
Senior Pastor – St. Mark AME



The Prelude

The ProcessionalMinisters, Pall Bearers, and Family
"Usher Me Into the Presence of the Lord"
[as recorded by Donald Lawrence]

Hymn of Comfort – *"Blessed Assurance"* ...Choir and Congregation

The Prayer of Consolation

The Liturgy of the Word

Old TestamentReverend Dr. Jacqueline Moore
New TestamentReverend Dr. Pam Powell-Matthews

Musical Selection The Choir

A Video Tribute (*created by the Family*)

Reflections (*limit your remarks to 3 minutes each, please*)

Jupiter Lodge 22

[Worshipful Master Travis Hall, Bro. Percy White, Bro. Charles Hylick]

Granddaughters [Khyla London and Armani Rackard]

Neighbor [The 2100 Block – Earline Holmes-Blumhagen]

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Musical Selection The Choir

The EulogyPastor Terence Renard Gray

Hymn of Assurance Choir and Congregation

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Recessional – Ministers, Pall Bearers, and Family

"Jesus Saves" [as recorded by Tasha Cobb]

Interment at Washington Park Cemetery

Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!

– Isaiah 26:19 NLT



"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

– Revelation 21:4

Pall Bearers

Masonic Brothers
From Jupiter Lodge 22

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Interment

Washington Park Cemetery
2600 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32811

Repast

Immediately following the Interment, a Repast will be held at **Jupiter Lodge 22**, 420 S. Tampa Ave., Orlando 32805

Words of Appreciation

The Family of Anthony "Tony" Ellis, Sr. wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to those who have offered their prayers, support, and well wishes during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your love and strength which, along with the strength of God, has helped to sustain us through our sorrow.

May God continue to bless you!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love him."

– The Family



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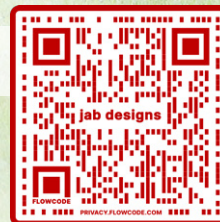
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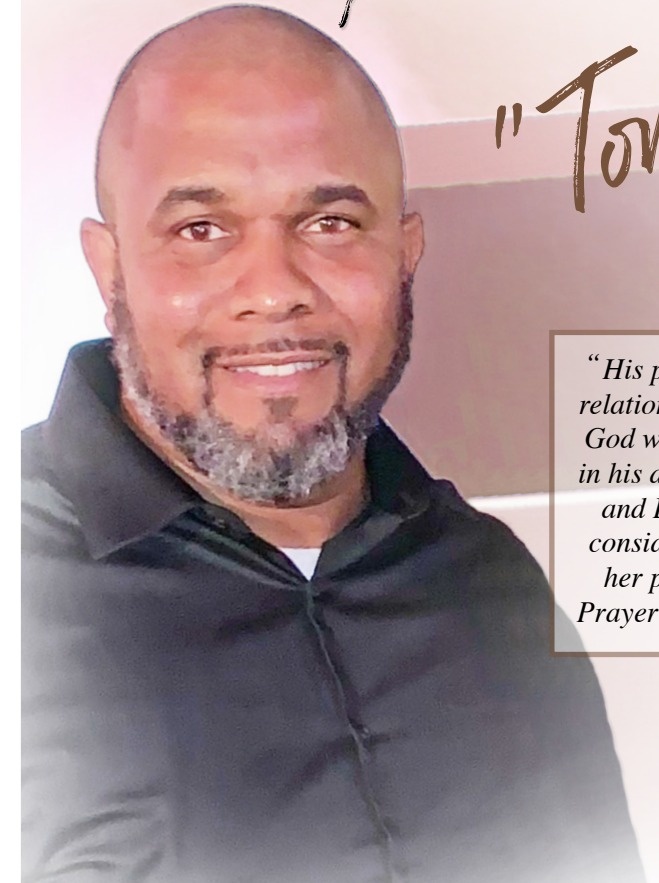
CELEBRATING THE LIFE

OF

MR.

Anthony Shane Ellis SR.

"Tony"



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SUNRISE

March 2, 1972

SUNSET

September 23, 2023

Saturday, October 7, 2023

1:00 P.M.

St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church

1968 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32805

Officiating – Pastor Terence Renard Gray

Service Entrusted To
Postell's Mortuary, Inc. – Orlando

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"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted...a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance..."

— Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2, 4

MR.

Anthony Shane Ellis SR.

Anthony Shane Ellis, Sr., affectionately called "Tony" was born on March 2, 1972, in Orlando, Florida to his proud parents, the late Lois Henderson, and his father, Pasco Ellis. Tony grew up in the Richmond Heights community, surrounded by much love and extended support from his grandparents, uncle, aunt, cousins, and neighbors alike. He attended the public schools of Orange County to include Richmond Heights Elementary, Carver Jr. High, and was a proud graduate of Oak Ridge High School Class of 1990.

In his early teen years, he met the love of his life, LaTonya, while riding his bicycle with a friend. Back then, he was so shy that he asked his friend to ask her her name, to which she responded, "Tell him if he wants to know my name he has to come and ask me himself!" From there a friendship ensued which later turned into Tony becoming LaTonya's first boyfriend. Life happened, and the two went their separate ways for many years.

Life kept happening, and in 2006 LaTonya suddenly became a young widow, a single mom, and overcome with a sadness and grief that was indescribable. According to Tony's maternal grandmother, the late Willie Mae Henderson, Tony prayed and prayed for God to re-open the door to LaTonya's heart. He told God he wanted to marry her, and this time he would love her, protect her, and provide for her 'til death would "do them part," and God responded in kind. In 2008 Tony and LaTonya were joined together in holy matrimony.

Tony was a gentle giant. He was loving, caring, giving, and fun. He enjoyed cooking and hanging out with family and friends on the home front.

He worked hard and he played just as hard. Tony loved living a simple lifestyle that included movie nights with his bride, cooking breakfast for the family, and cooking some of his favorite dishes to include: BBQ, Mac & Cheese, dressing, fried turkey, and so much more.

He always had a passion for fast cars, fashion, and dancing. He loved to dance, and any kind of music and dancing suited him just fine: The Glide, The Frog, The Charlie Brown, it didn't matter, he loved family, and he loved to dance. Often times he would be the *only* one on the dance floor but that didn't matter to him.

His brothers, children, grandkids, "Auntie" Cheryl, and Cousin Willie Jean were ALL dear to his BIG heart as Tony's heart was so big that "If he owned the world he would give it away." He just wanted everybody to get along, be happy and enjoy life.

For well over 20 years Tony was a Trucker, and proudly worked for Kottke Trucking, driving across the country.

His personal relationship with God was visible in his daily walk, and LaTonya considered him her personal Prayer Warrior. Because of his love for his Masonic Brotherhood, his favorite colors were black and blue, and one of his favorite songs was "My Testimony" by Marvin Sapp.

He was preceded in death by his **mom** – Annie "Lois" Henderson-Young (2002), **grandparents** – Alvin and Willie Mae Henderson, **Uncle** Jimmie and **Aunt** Bea Henderson, his **mother-in-law** – Loretta Broome Moore, and first **cousin** – Jimmie Henderson.

He leaves behind his **bride of 15 years** – LaTonya Rachele Ellis; **children** – Anthony Ellis Jr., Markeia Warren, and Mionca Rackard; **grandchildren** – Khyla London, Armoni Rackard, Aria Rackard, Anthony Rackard, Khodi Campbell, JaKhobi Campbell, Aerial Ellis, and Jahnyla Campbell; **father** – Pasco (Sylvia) Ellis Jr.; **brothers** – Pasco (Tangela) Ellis III and Bennie (Sandra) Young; **aunts** – Cheryl Hollinger, Eldora (George) Dailey, and **uncle** – Howard Broome; **cousin** – Willie Jean Stringer; **great aunt** – Pam Stringer; **father-in-law** – Barry (Mary) Howard; **brothers-in-law** – Barry (Jamichia) Howard, Roderick Lee, Eric Lee, and Jaquise Miller; a host of **nieces**, **nephews**, other relatives, and many friends.

