

*In Loving Memory...*

# Gregory Battle

DECEMBER 29, 1953 - OCTOBER 4, 2022

# *Celebration of Life*

## SERVICE

Prelude	Song by In-Laws (Elaine, Lisa, Diana)
Processional	Minister and Family
Opening Prayer	Pastor Dr. Raymond Turner
Scripture Old & New Testament	Asaad Chapman & Honesty Rodrigues
Obituary	Branden Rankins
Song "Safe In His Arms"	Song by Family (Elaine, Lisa, Diana)
Poem	Shondera Wesley
Slide show	"Take Me To The King" & "Rest High..."
Tributes	Under 2 mins.
Eulogy	Pastor Dr. Raymond Turner
Recessional	

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GREGORY LEE BATTLE

## **Sunrise**

Tuesday December 29, 1953

## **Sunset**

Tuesday October 4, 2022

## **Viewing**

Tuesday October 25, 2022 ( 1pm-4pm )  
Community Memorial Chapel of San Bernardino  
738 E. Highland Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92404

## **Celebration of Life Service**

Wednesday October 26, 2022 ( 11:30 am )  
Temple Missionary Baptist Church  
1583 W Union St, San Bernardino, CA 92411

## **Interment (Burial Service)**

Wednesday October 26, 2022 ( 2:30 pm )  
Riverside National Cemetery  
22495 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92518

# Scripture

## OLD TESTAMENT

### Psalm 23

**23** The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

**2** He makes me lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside quiet waters.

**3** He refreshes my soul: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

**4 Even** though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

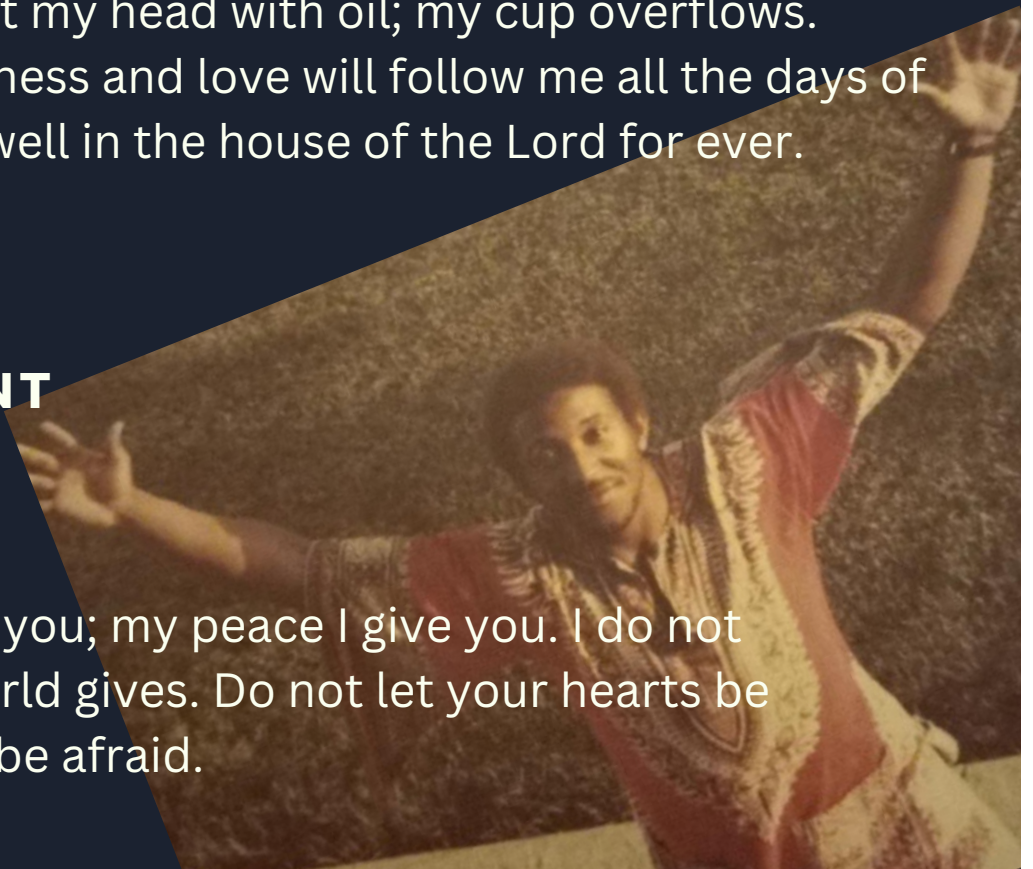
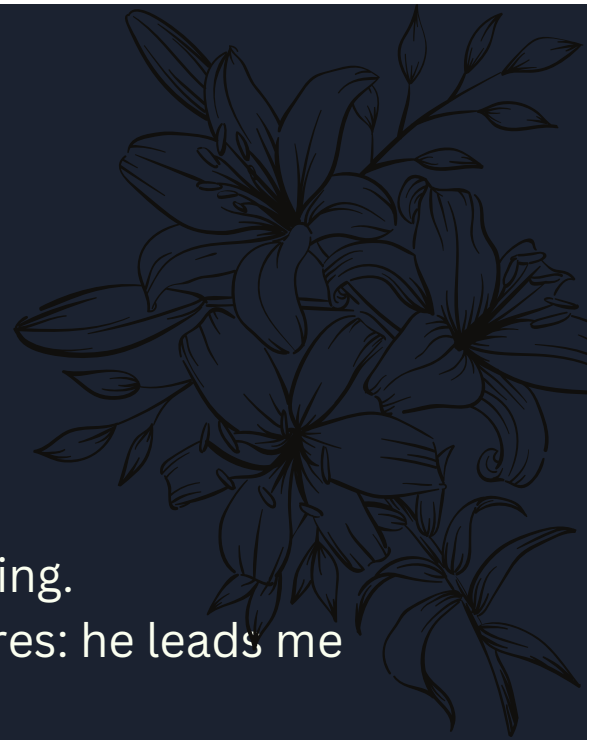
**5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**6** Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## NEW TESTAMENT

### John 14:27

**27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



# Poem

IN MEMORY OF  
MY LOVING FATHER

## HERO

You held my hand when I was small  
You caught me when I fell  
You are the hero of my childhood  
And my later years as well  
And every time I think of you  
My heart still fills with pride  
Though I will always miss you Dad  
I know you're by my side  
In laughter and in sorrow  
In sunshine and in rain  
I know you're watching over me  
Until we meet again.





# Obituary

## THE LIFE OF GREGORY LEE BATTLE



Gregory Lee Battle was born to Samuel and Elizabeth Battle on December 29, 1953, in Detroit Michigan. Greg was a man of faith, principle, and simplicity.

Greg is joined in Haven by his Parents and his sister Fredericka Bolden. Greg cherished and loved his family.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife Karyn Chapman-Battle, his sister Marlene Battle, his first born daughter Honesty Rodrigues and his granddaughter Sarah Rodrigues; His children: Shondera, Breonna, Brashona, Branden, Kamar, his granddaughter Makri; his Stepchildren: Asaad, Ahamad, and Allanhi. He also leaves a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and very close friends. Greg's children meant the world to him. He was proud of his children and would encourage them to get educated and work hard so they can become whatever they want in life.

Greg attended Bishop Borgess High School and Western Michigan University. As a young man, Greg worked at a tooling engineering company in Redford, Michigan; and joined the Air Force where he successfully completed his term and received an honorable discharge. Greg was an entrepreneur. He owned many businesses from Tinted Windows & Car Stereo shop, Cell Phone shop & Tax Office. At one point, he was even the Ice-Cream Truck Man. In Greg's later years, he became a Program Director for youth sports.

In 2007, Greg started a non-profit organization, called "LUU Sports" which stands for "Lift Us Up Sports". He wanted to help youth who come from disadvantage inner city communities to be able to participate in organized sports and to get fit and healthy. Greg referred to himself as a Program Builder. His program benefited children between the ages of 5 to 17 years old, and he inspired adults by providing them training to become coaches and mentors. He was known as Coach Greg in the Community. Greg hosted one of the largest skate board tournaments in the city of San Bernardino. His program provided training for many sports such as: basketball, girls softball, Cheer, NFL Flag football, 7-on-7 football. His latest achievement was bringing youth tackle football back to the West Side area of San Bernardino, in 2019 Greg created the San Bernardino Hawks Youth Football and Cheer.

Greg's mission was to build, unite, and empower youth to reach their full potential by providing uplifting sports, health and fitness, youth mentorship, and nutrition awareness.

He was truly a community man. He volunteered with the local organizations, giving out food, cloths, and mentoring youth and adults alike. He believed in giving back and paying it forward to the next generation. He was self-less and relentless in his pursuit of achieving a better community for our youth and families to live in. Besides his involvement with the community, Greg enjoyed being with his family, cooking on the grill, talking on the phone, watching shows about basketball, football, comedy, boxing, and fishing. He loved going fishing and found that being around water is peaceful and brings him clarity. It helped to rejuvenate him.

Greg also cared about his friends. During this past year, Greg wanted to stress the importance of maintaining good health and getting regular check-ups. He understood that a lot of health problems can be treated and avoided if detected early. He was so serious about it, that he started saying things like: if his friends don't go to get regular check-ups, that he wasn't messing them with anymore. One of his last post to his friends regarding this, was: "You all are my guys and I want the best for you and your family's so give them what they deserve "A Healthy You".



## *Pallbearers*

Branden Rankins  
Son

Asaad Chapman  
Son

Ahamad Chapman  
Son

Tristan Hudson  
Nephew

Antonio Hudson  
Nephew

David Newman  
Nephew

## *Acknowledgements*

From our family to yours; Thank you to everyone who reached out. Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and kind messages. Thank you to the San Bernardino Hawks volunteers for stepping up and handling the program this season. We would like give a Special thanks to Pastor Turner, Temple Missionary Baptist Church, and Community Memorial Chapel of San Bernardino. Please continue to pray for our family as we continue this journey that Greg started.

Thank you.



# Family Memories

THE LIFE OF GREG



## How Greg spent his summers





# Memories

THE LIFE OF GREG





# Greg Memories



**GREG THE FISHERMAN**





# Coach Memories

THE LIFE OF COACH GREG



COACH GREG





# Memories

## A LETTER TO DAD

12-29-21

Dear Father,

This letter goes out to the man who has shaped my future for the better. Anybody can have children but not everyone can raise them. I couldn't have asked for a better man to raise me and to teach me how to be a man. The amount of love and knowledge you have given can't be measured. You have been my rock through my worst of days and never falter to be there on my best of days. All Mighty God has brought us together before time itself was created because he knew you was the role model I needed in my life. You are my hero that never fails to shine bright upon me. The bar has been raised to new heights on the standard of being a father and I want to surpass your expectations of me. When I become a father I want to be a better you. So with all that being said happy birthday and I wish you plenty more because my future children need to meet the man who made me into the father they know.

Love Branden Rankins

