#### The Family Tribute

A smile for all, a heart of gold

One of the finest this world could hold,

Never selfish, always kind

These are the memories, he leaves behind...



Mr. Lewis Edward Watkins, III, beloved son of Tracey Nathaniel Watkins and Donnetta Corry Watkins, was born in Statesville, NC on December 19, 1991. He departed this life on his birthday, Sunday, December 19, 2021, unexpectedly.

He was a graduate of Statesville High School, Class of 2010, and was employed as a field technician at James River Ground Maintenance. At one time, he attended Purpose and Life Christian Center in Statesville, NC. His favorite team was the Dallas Cowboys and he also loved fishing and was a mentor to many people.

In addition to his parents, he is survives by his sister, LaMonica (Santwan) Dalton; his grandparents, Lewis Edward (Bernice) Watkins, Jr.; aunts, Kimberly Schofield; Telisha (Corey) Hunter; an uncle, Charles Presie Corry; a nephew, Joshua Dalton; three nieces, Amaya Dalton, Morgan Hunter and Trinity Dalton; and a host of cousins and special friends.

Evidence of a life well lived is found in those who love you



## Celebration of Life for

# Mr. Lewis Edward Watkins, III Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Greater New Mt. Olive Holiness Church

Statesville, N. C.

Pastor Carolyn Morrison, Pastor Bishop Wilford Walls, Officiating Bishop Timothy Schofield, Eulogist

### The Moments of Sharing

12:30 p.m.

### The Order of Service

1:00 p.m.

The Invocation ......Bishop Reginald McConneaughey
The Selection

The Scripture Meditation:

The Selection
The Special Remarks......Minister Stanley Rice

The Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation ....

The Funeral Director

The Selection

The Eulogy ......Bishop Timothy Schofield

The Recessional

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten your seatbelts for safety.



At The Belmont Cemetery

The Placing of the Casket The Prayer of Benediction The Final Departure









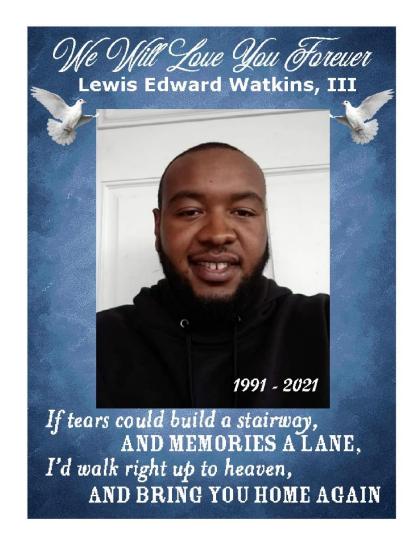












### Casket Bearers

Devon Strickland Devonte Imes Tyrese Scott Robert Newton, Jr. Maurice Hayes, Jr. Beauty Jackson Dominic Imes Antonio Mallicott Clyde Ferguson

#### With Our Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved, Lewis and for remembering us during his passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding. The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To:

#### Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.

603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC (704) 873-3611

Visit Lewis' Online Tribute www.rutledgeandbigham.com

#### A Service of Love and Remembrance for

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