

MR. BRIAN AKEITH BARTHELL was born on October 5, 1975, at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, 168<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, New York City, New York. He was the only child of the late Ms. Willie Ruth Barthell. Brian and his mother moved to several different cities—New York, New Jersey, Atlanta, Arizona, and North Carolina— as Willie Ruth was promoted within AT&T. Brian’s schooling included attending elementary school at Mount Zion Lutheran Church School on The Hill, 145th Street New York. He graduated middle school at Our Lady of Soul School, East Orange, New Jersey. Brian briefly attended Clifford J. Scott High School, East Orange, New Jersey for a brief period before attending high school in Stone Mountain, GA. Brian would later go on to earn his GED while residing in Gilbert, Arizona.

After the passing of his mom, Brian relocated to Port St. Lucia, Florida along with his friend, Mya Boyd. Of all the places that Brian lived, he had a great fondness for Orlando, Florida. He had dreams of returning there one day. Brian had a happy personality and enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved expensive cars, Reese’s Cups, going to the movies, and watching sports on T.V. The Eagles was his favorite team. Some of his favorite sayings were “No doubt”, “I am okay”, “Yeah Man”, “Hey, bring me some blacks”.

Brian worked as a customer service team lead at Teleperformance in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He was the owner of WillBoy Insurance Solutions, LLC.

In addition to his mother, he is also preceded in death by his father, Mr. Broker T. Washington Freeman and his grandparents: Mr. Lucious “Jack” Barthell, Jr. and Mrs. Bertha Barthell and Mr. Roosevelt and Mrs. Rosanna Freeman.

He departed this life on January 22, 2022, at the Phoebe Sumter Medical Center in Americus, GA.

He leaves to cherish his memories two sisters: Ms. La Shawn "Shawnie" Freeman, Brooklyn, NY and Ms. Tanesha Freeman-Kerr, Danbury, CT; a god-sister/cousin, Ms. Sharonda Freeman-Goodrum; several aunts: Ms. Edna Rogers of Conley, GA; Ms. Betty Ingram of Americus, GA; Ms. Mae Bertha Barthell of New York, NY; Ms. Jaqueline Malone of Pittsburg, PA; Ms. Deborah Barthell of Phoenix City, AL; Mrs. Tracy (Howard) Watt of Virginia Beach, VA; Mrs. Magnora (Edward) Perry of Cornelius, NC; Mrs. Gloria (Jerry) Caviness, Harlem, NY and Ms. Patricia Williams and Ms. Mary Barthell (god-mother), both of Bronx, NY; several uncles: Mr. Lucious Barthell, III, Mr. Albert Barthell, Mr. Calvin Barthell, all of Americus, GA; Mr. Clarence Freeman (Willie-Mae), Bronx, NY; Mr. Larry (Rosaland Etheridge) Freeman, Sr. and Mr. Linwood (Dorothy) Freeman, Bronx, NY; a devoted uncle, Mr. Samuel (Annie) Barthell, Sr., Americus, GA; a devoted cousin, Ms. Sebrina Ingram-Hayes, Byron, GA and a host of other relatives and friends.