A million times we've needed you. A million times we've cried. If love could have saved you, you never would have died. If all the world was ours to give, we would give it, yes, and more... just to see you coming up the steps and walking through the door. To hear your voice, to see your smile, to sit and talk with you a while, to be with you in the same old way... that would be our fondest day. A heart of gold stopped beating. Two smiling eyes closed to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the BEST.

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Eastview Cemetery
802 Ashby Street | Americus, GA 31709

PALLBEARERS
Jayce Hollis | Quay Harper
Montrellis Willis | A. J. Stokes
Quey Willoughby | Kanova Willoughby
FLOWER ATTENDANTS
Friends of the Family

# Acknowledgments

Jesus promised us they who mourned would be comforted. During our hours of bereavement, this promise has been fulfilled by you, our kind and loving friends and neighbors. THANK YOU each for coming to help us bear our grief. Your calls, visits, prayers, and kindness in acts and deeds during the passing of our loved one shall never be forgotten.

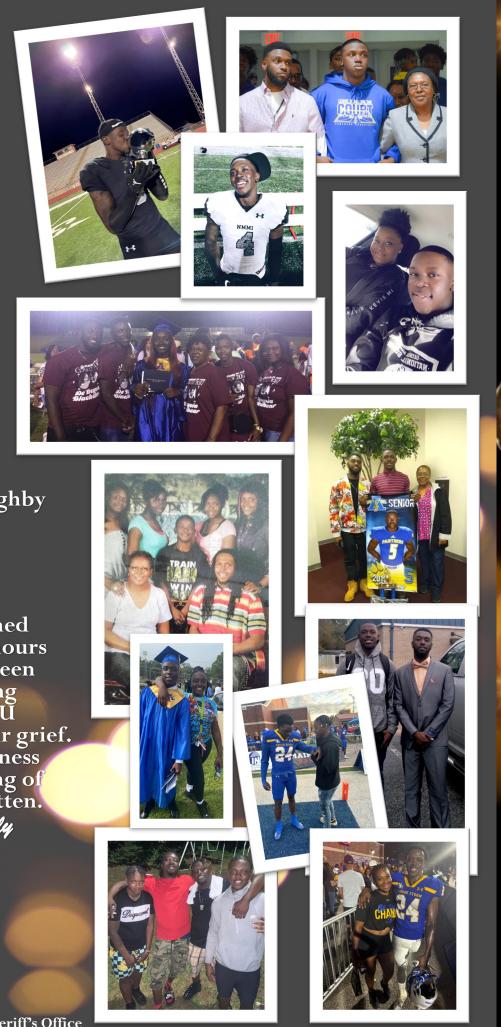
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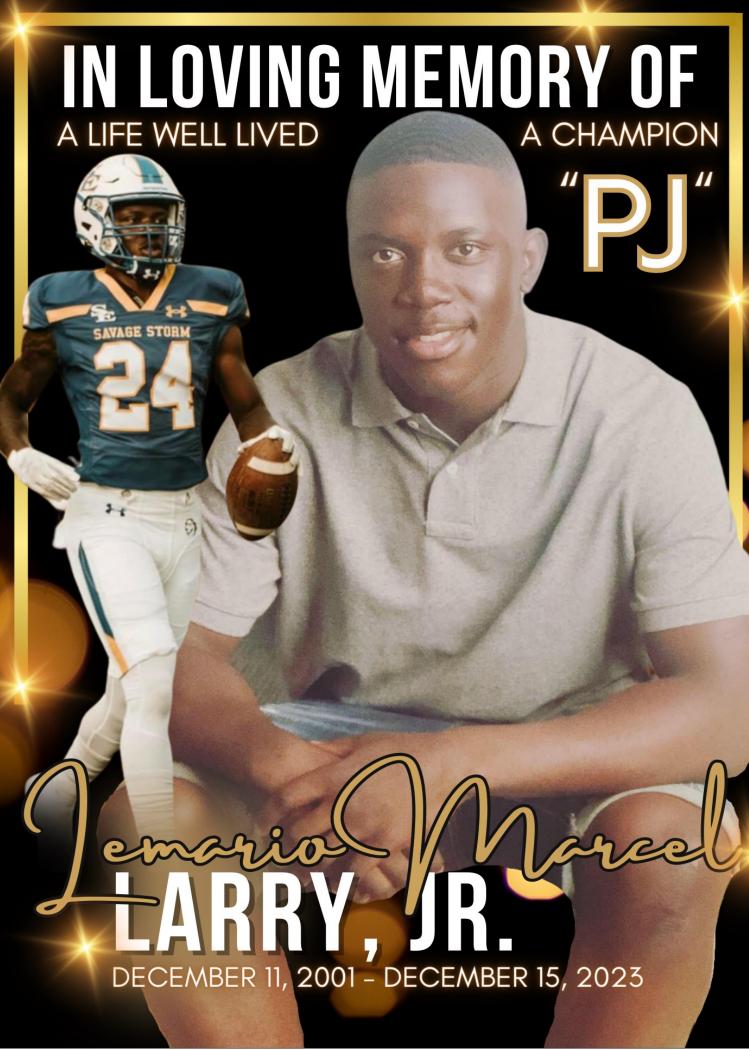
Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To: Barnum Funeral Home, Inc. 217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709 Telephone: (229) 924-2958 www.barnumfuneralhome.com E-mail: barnumfuneralhome@gmail.com

Escort Courtesy:

Americus Police Department and

Americus Police Department and Sumter County Sheriff's Office





### **OBITUARY**

LEMARIO MARCEL LARRY, JR., affectionately called "PJ", was born in Sumter County, Georgia on December 11, 2001, to the parents of the late Ms. Sekeithia Bonita Mercer and Mr. Lemario Marcel Larry, Sr. of Montezuma, Georgia. At 13 months old, he developed juvenile diabetes and after the passing of his mother, his grandmother, Clara, not knowing anything about diabetes had to learn quickly how to administer insulin. Everywhere he went you would see that little black insulin bag. At an early age, he joined the New St. Paul Baptist Church, where he served as an usher. At the age of 7, Clara enrolled him in the sports program with the Sumter County Parks and Recreation Department. He excelled in basketball, football, baseball, track and field but his favorite was football. He received his education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 2020 graduate of Americus Sumter High School. He enrolled in the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico, majoring in kinesiology. Not only did he graduate, but he also helped the football team win a championship game. He then furthered his studies at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma, where he also contributed to the win of a championship football game. He was funny and ready for anything when it came to football. You would never know if he didn't feel well because he was going to give it all he had. Before his passing, he had just started working at a casino in Oklahoma as a cashier and was happy about it.

He is preceded in death by his great grandfather, Mr. Joseph Daniel; his grandfathers, Mr. Richard Mercer and Mr. Larry Stewart and his uncle, Mr. Todd Mercer.

In addition to his father, left to cherish his memories are his great grandmothers, Ms. Clara Daniel, Americus, GA and Ms. Wedie Bell Stewart, Montezuma, GA; his grandmothers, Ms. Clara Mercer, Leslie, GA and Ms. Karen Larry, Montezuma, GA; his siblings: Mr. DeAngelo Kearse, Leslie, GA; Mr. Daylin Larry, Perry, GA; Ms. Denishia Kearse, Ms. Dekayla Blackshear, Ms. Dekeyvia Blackshear, all of Leslie, GA and Ms. Markasia Larry, Warner Robins, GA; two uncles, Mr. Reginald Mercer, Leslie, GA and Mr. Brandon Larry, Montezuma, GA; four great uncles: Mr. Joseph (Gwen) Daniels, Jr., Leslie, GA; Mr. Michael Daniels, Mr. Willie C. Adams, both of Atlanta, GA and Mr. Charlie Brown, Jr., Montezuma, GA; seven great aunts: Ms. Mary Mann, Ms. Alice (Charles) Woodham, all of Americus, GA; Ms. Nancy (John) Berryhill, Desoto, GA; Ms. Jennifer Engram, Ms. Betty Jean Stewart, both of Montezuma, GA; Ms. Gloria Stewart and Ms. Patricia Stewart, both of Oglethorpe, GA; his nieces and nephews: DeAngelo Kearse, Jr., DeAron Dowdell, Saint Louis Lewis, Jonah Varnum, Jaidance Kearse, Savannah Lewis, Serenity Kearse and Liberty Hughes; cousins, other relatives and friends, including devoted friends, Ms. India Sky and Mr. Jimmy Varnum also survive.



# Celebration of Life

11:00 a.m. | Saturday, December 23, 2023 RESTORATION CHURCH OF AMERICUS

159 Bumphead Road, Americus, Georgia 31719
Senior Pastor, Caleb R. Edge | Overseer and Founder, Bishop George F. Edge

Officiant: Rev. Michael Walker | New St. Paul Baptist Church

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Processional** 

led by Rev. Walker and Pulpit Guests

#### **Last Glance and Final Closure**

Devotion

Deacon Stanley White and Deacon Wilbert Sims

Scripture

Old Testament
New Testament

Rev. Norris Harris | Oglethorpe Circuit Rev. Mathis Wright | Zion Hope Baptist Church

Selection

**Evangelist Stacey Sims** 

## Reflections

As a Classmate | Mr. Quay Harper As a Teammate | Mr. Jayce Hollis

Selection

Evangelist Stacey Sims

**Family Tribute** 

Mr. Quey Willoughby and Mr. DeAngelo Kearse, Sr.

Selection

**Evangelist Stacey Sims** 

Eulogy

Rev. Michael Walker

Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Family Bible

Barnum Staff

#### **RECESSIONAL**

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