



# HONORING THE LIFE OF

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the family of Nakia "Boog" Merrill, wish to thank you for the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us during this time. Remember the shine he brought into your life, the wonderful memories that were created anytime he was around and continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

*The Merrill Family*

## PALLBEARERS

Brian Smith  
Jirus Guy, Sr.  
Perry Jason

Shannon Odom  
Thomas Taylor  
Robert Coleman

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

His Uncles - Malcom and Robert  
The Mighty Men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.  
His Brothers in the U.S. Army



*Nakia "Boog" Merrill*

Sunrise October 21, 1978 - Sunset February 3, 2023

**CELEBRATION SERVICE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

**11:00am**  
CHRISTIAN CHAPEL TEMPLE OF FAITH  
14120 NOEL RD. - DALLAS, TX 75254  
DR. CLARENCE J. FORD, SENIOR PASTOR

# OBITUARY

Nakia "Boog" Merrill was born October 21, 1978 to parents Kim Merrill & Hollis Mumford.

Nakia moved to Louisiana in 1984 with his grandmother, where he attended school until he graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2003. During his college years he enrolled in the United States Army and became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Nu Chapter and gained the name "Boogieman".

Nakia remained active after graduating and served as Board Member of the SLU Alumni Association.

He organized multiple events and continued to be of service with the North Dallas Chapter, Omicron Sigma, of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He was also a dedicated employee of the Dallas County Community College District.

Nakia believed in being of service to others and lived a full life. As he would say, he was "Dope in Real Life". He loved to step, dance, travel, spend time friends and family and played sports of all kinds. He was one of a kind and will truly be missed.

He leaves to cherish his mother Kim, a daughter Alyssia Winder, grandchildren Jabari Ace and Kinsley Nakia Kate, aunts Denice, Charlene and Debra, uncles Malcolm (Berneice) and Robert, siblings Chanice Patterson and Marquis Merrill, a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, his Best Friend Brian Smith, a Bonus Family of brothers and sisters here in Dallas, friends, family, Fraternity Brothers and Sorority Sisters.

He is preceded in death by his father, grandparents Shirley Merrill & William Brown, his two sisters Tyisha & Lashandra Merrill, his uncle William (Toby) Merrill II and cousin Aaron Barfield.

# A MOTHER'S LOVE

Son,

*I was lost for words when you were born  
and as I prepare my good bye... I'm still lost for words.  
I'm grateful to God for blessing me with one of his  
precious gifts, YOU.*

*Over the years you made me so proud of you and  
I couldn't appreciate more the man you became.  
Your smile will always be with me and all those that  
love you.*

*As the sun sets on this side and rises on the other, know  
your mother, brother and sister, along with all those that  
love you, will ALWAYS have you in our hearts.  
Rest Nakia "Boog" Merrill, Mommy loves you.*

# A POEM TO MY DAD

Daddy,

Today I remember you  
and all the times we shared,

How you would hold the phone and listen,  
just to show me that you cared.

You were my biggest fan and  
my greatest role model,

Always there to provide me with a  
solution to my problems.

I miss the way you'd make me laugh  
in your own corny way,

Ironically, you're the one that I need  
to get through this day.

I know I have to let you go  
for that my heart is very sad,

You were my most precious gift from God  
and I'm honored to have called you Dad.

*Love,  
Alyssia*

# Order of Service

## VIEWING

## THE OMEGA CEREMONY

*Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.*

## MUSICAL SELECTION

*Precious Lord - Shirley Todd*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Psalms 23 Will Merrill*

### NEW TESTAMENT

*Romans 14:7-9 Rob Guy*

## PRAYERS OF COMFORT

*Terry Jessup*

## HYMN

*Hold on to God's Unchanging Hand*

## SPECIAL REMARKS

*DCCCD | Robert Merrill | Brian Smith*

## EULOGY

*Dr. Clarence Ford Sr.*

## FINAL FAREWELL

*Golden Gate Directors*

## RECESSIONAL

*Clergy & Family*