After Glow

I'd like the memory of me,

To be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles, when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo,
Whispering softly down the ways.
Of happy times and laughing times,
& bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,

To dry before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave behind
When my life is done.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Collins family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the many friends, family and love ones who shared words of comfort during our time of bereavement. God bless each of you.

Interment

Chelten Hills Cemetery Philadelphia, PA 19138

Repast

Collins Family Home

Professional Services Entrusted To Celebration of Life Funeral Home 5731 Race Street Philadelphia, PA 19139 M. Plummer, Supervisor

Celebration of Life

BYRON M. COLLINS



March 5, 1993 - February 17, 2023

From the Heart Church Ministries 3600 N 20th St, Philadelphia, PA 19140

Friday, March 10, 2023 Viewing 9:00-11:00am. Service 11:00am

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BYRON M. COLLINS Life Story

On March 3^{et}, 1993 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Byron Milik Collins, better known as "Money", was born to Marion Oliver and Brad Collins, Sr. He was the third oldest child of his Mother's nine (9) children. He had three (3) Brothers; Brad Jr., Brian and Brent; and had five (5) Sisters; Brianna, Belinda, Branay, Brandy and Bianca. Money also has many siblings on his father's side; he was only close to a few of his siblings though. The siblings that he had a close bond with were his two brothers Jalen and Kennan; and a sister Sabria. Byron's grandmother, who preceded him in death Ann also played a big role in raising Money.

As a child, Money grew up in the Germantown area where attended many schools. He attended Pastorious Elementary School and Kinsey Elementary School as a child. Growing up on Haines Street, Money made many *lifelong friends*. In his high school years, Money attended Community Council AEP in which he received a diploma with the Northeast high school class of 2011. After high school, Money took interest in the aviation maintenance profession, which encouraged him to attend The Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) where he graduated in 2015. After completing AIM, Money still didn't know what career field he wanted to pursue, so he took interest in Commercial Truck driving. This new interest motivated him to attend All-State Career where he graduated in 2016 along with receiving his CDL.

At the age of sixteen, Money met his spouse Aaliyah. Although they were young this wasn't no teenage love affair, their love was everlasting. Their relationship lasted for 13 years going on 14 years in October. On December 15, 2017 they had their one and only son, Asaiah Collins. Byron got the nickname "Money" because he always had some form of a job or a way to make money from a very young age. Money can be looked at as a hustler. He started working at a very young age, because he was so young most of his jobs were under the table. Anyone who can remember him will tell you that even as a young man he kept a job. One of his most famous jobs as a child was working at the fish truck at the age of nine. After that, Money also worked at the Reading Terminal and did roof work and other household jobs with his brothers as a teen. After high school, Money and his brother began to work at Walmart in New Jersey. While working at Walmart, Money was also attending AIM. Over time Money outgrew Walmart and like his career field choices, he decided to switch it up and went to work at Amazon in New Jersey. While at Amazon, Money made a few life-long friends.

Money soon became interested in being self-employed and pursuing a job as a car mechanic. Over the years Money became very skilled and was able to take apart and rebuild almost anything on a car. His goal was to go back to school and further his career as a car mechanic and open a small garage.

On February 17, 2023, Money was tragically taken away from us in what is being called an act of road rage. Money is now with the Lord and hopefully resting in peace. Money leaves to cherish his memory; his spouse Aaliyah; Son, Asaiah Collins; Mother, Marion Oliver; Brothers, Brad Jr., Brain, Brent, Jalen and Kennan; Sisters, Brianna, Belinda, Branay, Brandy, Bianca, and Sabria; Grandmother, Ann; twenty-two (22) nieces and nephews, one (1) goddaughter, and a host of cousins, in-laws, aunts and uncles, grandparents and hundreds of friends.

A Letter To My Dad

They say there is a reason. They say time will heal;
Neither time nor reason will change the way I feel.
Gone are the days and nights we used to share playing games.
You are always there. The gates of memories will never close.
I will miss you more than anybody knows...
Love and miss you every day,

A Letter to our Brother

You gave no one a last farewell, nor ever said good-bye.
You were going before we knew it and only God knew why.

A million times we will cry.
In our hearts you hold a place, no one else can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you, the day God took you home.

We will meet again someday I know in a better place.

I thank God he made you my brother

while you were here on earth. Love beyond words.

Missed beyond measure. Always and Forever in our hearts.

A letter to my Son - Marion Oliver

You may be out of sight, but you will never be out of heart.

I may never see your face again, but I will always remember your smile.

I will never hear your voice again but you will forever whisper in my ear.

I never got to say good-bye to you, or tell you how much you really meant to me. One day we will meet in heaven's gates, and I will be with you again. This time will be forever, Son.

A letter from Aaliyah

I thought of you today but that's nothing new.

I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.

All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part.

God had you in his arms, I have you in my heart, Forever.



PRECIOUS MEMORIES









ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Clergy, Family

Opening Hymn

Rev. John P. Hicks Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalms 91:1 New Testament John 14: 1-6

Selection

2 Minutes Please Remembrance Remarks

Siblings, Cousins, Children, Grandchildren

Life Story

Read in Silence

Selection

Stacey Oliver

The Message of Hope

Rev. John P. Hicks

Call to Christ

Recessional

Remember sadness is always temporary. This, too, shall pass. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8













