

Celebrating the Life of

*Ronald LaWayne Caldwell, Jr.*  
*"RO"*

Sunrise ~ November 19, 2001

Sunset ~ October 12, 2023

Saturday ~ October 21, 2023

2:00 PM

Olivet Baptist Church

1179 San Bernard Street • Austin, Texas 78702

Under the Auspices of

Winn's Memorial Baptist Church

Reverend D. W. Townsend, Pastor

605 Madison • Elgin, Texas 78621

Reverend D. W. Townsend

Eulogist

Reverend Edward Fleming, Sr.

Officiating



## Ro's Dash

I tried to live in this old world, and I did the best I could, but when God reached out His hand, I grabbed on and was led home. I know God will open wide your understanding as to why these things must be. Dying is only a part of living, therefore celebrate my life...

Ronald LaWayne Caldwell, Jr. was a respectable young man with a bright future ahead of him on and off the football field. His voice was heard throughout the locker room, from the first player to the 115th player on the NSU roster. On October 12, 2023, the community of Elgin and Manor Texas, and Natchitoches, Louisiana, many schools, and college campuses begin to mourn the passing of this blooming icon.

Ronald was born November 19, 2001, to Ronald Caldwell Sr and Blanche Bradley in Austin, Texas. Ronald was affectionately known as 'Doogie' to his family and 'Ro' to his high school and college friends. Ronald had a strong Christian foundation, and at an early age, he professed his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at Winn's Memorial Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor D. W Townsend. Ron received his education in Elgin, Pflugerville, and Cedar Park Independent School Districts. While at Cedar Park, Ron was a member of the Wrestling and Football Teams. Ron ranked 1st in district for three years and 3rd in the State in wrestling. Ron graduated from Cedar Park High School in 2020. Ron continued his post-education at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas, with a football scholarship where he was a safety and later transferred to Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, where he continued to play until an injury. Because of his love for football and Northwestern, Ron traveled with the team and was instrumental in assisting the Defensive Coach in calling the plays. Ron was a business administration major and was looking forward to working with his father in the auto technician and restoration business. He also wanted to play professional football but did not specify a team. He knew it was a privilege to be on any gridiron doing what you love if you love football. In 2022, Ronald was named to the Southland Conference Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll, which honors student-athletes who record at least a 3.0 grade point average during their semester of competition.

Ron was a loving, spiritual young man one that feared the Lord but loved him dearly. He sowed many seeds in and with his family, church, and the communities as he grew to be an adult. He loved his family, always offering support to his sibling. Ron was a good cook and knew his way around in the kitchen. Ron loved his sisters and brothers, taking steps and reaching goals to make them proud of him.

Ron departed this life at the age of 21, on Thursday, October 12, 2023, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, knowing this was not 'good-bye, but we will see you later.' Doogie will join his paternal grandparents, Lanie and Jewel Caldwell, and maternal grandparents, Dan and Rosa Bradley, and baby brother, Kh'Ron Caldwell.

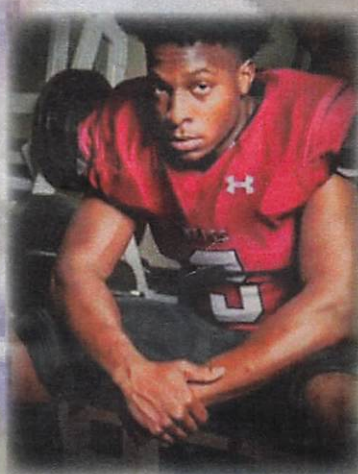
Ronald's beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his father, Ronald Caldwell, Sr.; mother, Blanche Bradley; brother, Alfred Carter; sisters, Rhonda, Breonna, Khonni; and Khrii Caldwell; bonus brother, & sister; Kaeden Thompson and Kh'Laeya Dotson; aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends; including his teammates and the Winn's Memorial Church family.



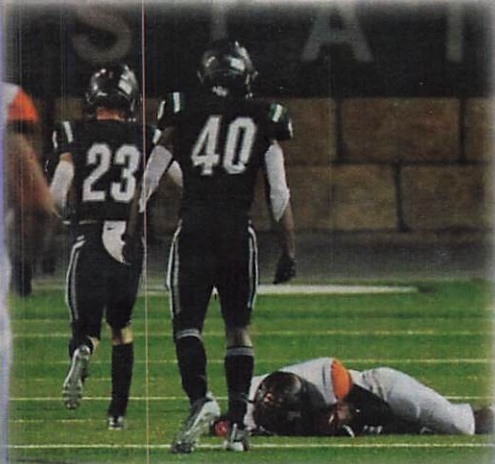
## Order of Service

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen

Melodic Reminiscence.....	
Processional.....	Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family
Crowning of Ronald LaWayne Caldwell, Jr. ..DR Johnson Ceremonial Old Testament.....	Reverend Michael Robinson
New Testament.....	Reverend Kevin Workman
Prayer of Comfort.....	Deacon Johnny Jones
Melodic Praise.....	Winns Memorial Baptist Church Choir
Church Tribute (Resolutions).....	Winns Memorial Baptist Church
	All others will be recognized
Expressions of Love.....	Cousin.....R'mani Leavell
	Sister.....Rhonda Caldwell
	Brother.....Alfred Carter
	Coach.....Cedar Park High School
	Coach.....Northwestern State University
Inspirational Solo.....	Press in Your Presence....Sister Demetria Carlton
Celebration Message.....	Pastor D. W. Townsend
Remarks.....	Joshua Hausladen, Funeral Director
The Hero's Dismissal.....	DR Johnson, Ceremonial Guard
Recessional.....	Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family









## The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,

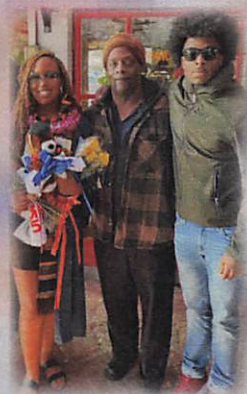
We In life I loved you dearly, we in death I do the same.

It broke my heart to loose you, you did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left me beautiful memories your love is still our guide,  
and though we cannot see you, you're always at our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

*Ron Tranmer*



# Ro's Earthly Tabernacle Has Been Placed In the Strong Hands Of

Christopher Cromartie  
Jeffrey Johns  
Jerald Johns  
Keaden Thompson

Stewart Miller  
Kenneth Caldwell  
Alfred Carter  
King Carter

## Men of Honor

Brandon Bradley  
Sharrod Bradley  
Mickey Caldwell  
Keon Leavell

Jaylen Bradley  
Christian Caldwell  
Ricky Caldwell  
Anthony Pruitt

R'mani Leavell

## Color Guards

Kash Caldwell  
Zaylen McCoy

Jawuan Johns  
Royal Carter

Oynx Carter

## Words of Gratitude

We, the family of Ronald LaWayne Caldwell, Jr. are grateful for the richness of his life, the kindness of his heart and the love of his friends. The Family would like to thank everyone for their unwavering kindness. We thank you for your love, friendship, prayers, visits, phone calls, the lovely cards, flowers, food, other gifts, and the continual words of comfort you have shared with us, as we have come to share our final farewell. We thank and love you all. Words alone cannot express our gratitude.

May God Bless each of you...

*Ro's Family*

## Ceremonial Guard

DR Johnson Ceremonial Guard  
Ft. Worth, Texasa

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