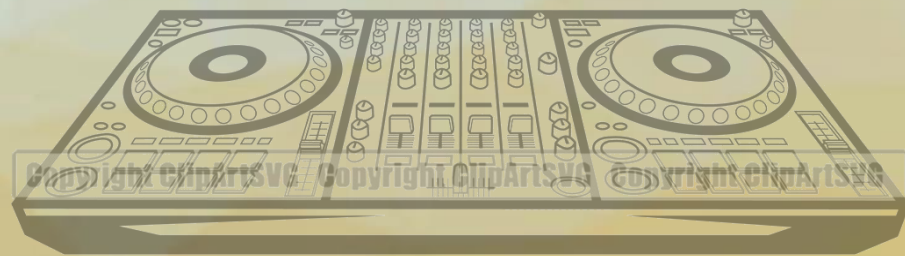


**GOD'S GARDEN**  
by Melissa Shreve

God looked around his garden  
and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
and saw my tired face.  
He put his arms around me  
and lifted me to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
he always takes the best.  
To my only sister and two brothers  
shed not another tear  
for your brother is at rest,  
but yet always near...  
Rest peacefully my dear.



**SOMEONE SPECIAL**

Someone special  
A special person  
A special face  
Someone we loved and  
can never be replaced.

*Pallbearers*

Jerry Causey                  Justin Jackson  
Jayvyn Jackson              Delonze Riley  
John Jackson                 George Scott

*Flower Attendants*

Nieces & Friends

*Acknowledgements*

The Family would like to thank all who have reached out to them during this difficult time. The outpouring of community support, thoughts, and prayers of our friends have been enormous and very much appreciated!  
We pray that God will continue to bless you as you continue to do His will. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

The Family

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**Celebration of Life**



**ANTHONY  
SAMUEL  
STORY**

SUNRISE  
December 21, 1973

SUNSET  
April 12, 2024

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**

**11:00 AM**



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**Pastor Colby McKenzie, Eulogist**

# Precious Memories

**Anthony “Ant bone” Story** dedicated himself wholeheartedly to caring for his mother and family, showing empathy and compassion for others. Outside of his professional life, he found joy in the simple pleasures of singing and being a DJ. Despite him being quiet and to himself, he always made time for his loved ones, valuing the bond he shared with his family and friends above all else. They were his pillars of support, his source of laughter and comfort, and he treasured every moment spent with them, knowing that they held an irreplaceable place in his heart. Anthony Story, 50, of Long Branch, New Jersey, died peacefully in Macon, Georgia on April 12th, 2024.

He was born in Long Branch New Jersey in 1973 to Georgia Story & Julius Williams. From the age of three Anthony was raised by his loving father John Henry Jackson. Anthony attended Peach County High school.

Anthony cared more for others than he did himself. Though he loved singing, music, electronics and comedy, Anthony’s favorite role was that of a father and grandfather. He treasured his granddaughter Serenity Byse and was excited to meet his son to be born grandson Kaizen Byse.

Anthony and his friends were practically inseparable throughout their lives. From riding around and celebrating their birthday, to going to the club, they were together through it all.

Everyone who knew Ant knew how much he loved to sing, DJ, and keep everyone laughing. It was never a time that his family and friends did not feel his love. The most valuable moments was when he had you alone and he had the opportunity to uplift you whether that was in prayer or laughter. He truly had so much love to give.

Anthony “Ant bone” Story will always be remembered for his fun loving attitude and the way he dressed. As his mom would say “He is a class A act” We’ll always imagine hearing him say “alright man or hey man” one more time. We couldn’t have asked for a better son, father, brother, uncle or friend and we will miss Ant every day. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.

Anthony was preceded in death by his loving grandmother and grandfather Samuel and Gwendolyn Story and his father John Henry Jackson.

Anthony is survived by his mother, Georgia Story; his loving sons and daughters: Anthony Story Jr., Xavier Story, Ja’Darian Lyons, Laniajha Story, Brittany Story and Ahkevia Jolly; his siblings: Alicia Story, John “John John” Jackson (Apollonia) and Justin Jackson (Jasmine) and Telly Neal; favorite aunt, Michele Story; grandchildren Serentity and soon to be grandson, Kaizen Byse; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends whom he loved dearly.



## The Celebration

Rev. Dr. John Davis, Officiating

- The Musical Prelude.....Minister Dexter Davis
- Processional
- The Final Viewing
- The Closing of the Casket
- Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. John Davis

## Soloist

Old & New Testament Scriptures.....Rev. Dr. John Davis

## Soloist

## Reflections

(two minutes please)

Willie Mae Napper, Friend/Aunt



- Musical Selection.....Minister Dexter Davis
- Eulogist.....Pastor Colby McKenzie
- Acknowledgements
- Recessional



## Committal Service

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens  
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