



A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE

# KENJI MENDÉZ



Sunrise

April 7, 1982

Sunset

May 4, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 2024

3:00 PM

Repast

Funeral Service

Wayside Baptist Church

910 North Broadway Street

Ashford, Alabama 36312

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

104 Grimsley Drive

Ashford, Alabama 36312

*Sponsored by: Ashford High School,*

*Class of 2000*

# OBITUARY

## *Kenji Mendez Snell*

Kenji Mendez Snell was born on April 7, 1982 to his parents, Mr. Eddie C. and Mrs. Yolanda Snell. He is a proud graduate of Ashford High School, Class of 2000.

He accepted Christ as his personal savior while serving as a young child at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Ashford, Alabama, where he remained a devoted member until his transition on May 4, 2024. He has now accepted God's call and joined arms with his dear mother, Yolanda Ann Cochran Snell, as she welcomed him with open arms to join her in Heaven.

His favorite scripture is "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 5:10.

He is survived by a host of family and friends who love him dearly: His father, Eddie Charles Snell, I; two sisters and two brothers: Brandy Snell Julius of Montgomery, Alabama, Eddie Charles Snell, II (Lya) of McDonough, Georgia, Cornelius Snell of Marianna, Florida, and Nekelda Snell of Dothan, Alabama; a special great-aunt, Gussie Cochran of Ashford, Al; a very special aunt, Melissa Glasgow of Cowarts, Al; seven uncles: Bobby Snell, Patrick Snell (Lori), Willie Snell, Charles Snell, all of Naples Fl. Floyd Snell of Indiana, Roy Daniel Snell of Rochester, NY, Lonnie Cochran (Annie) of Dothan, Al; eleven nieces and nephews: Brianna Julius, Kelsey Snell, Kennedy Snell, Tracey (TJ) Julius, Nicholas Snell, Cornelius Snell, Calaysiah Snell, Nathaniel Snell, Zy'ion Snell, Zy'Layia Snell, Nakayla Snell; and several cousins including a close one, Robert Cochran of Cowarts, Al. Kenji also had a host of classmates, neighbors, community members, church family, and friends which includes a very best friend from childhood until his passing, Joy Saffold.

He is preceded in death by his loving mother, Yolanda Snell; and his grandparents, Willie Bell Cochran, Lonnie (Slim) Clark, Jessie and Bertha (Coot) Snell.

Kenji had a bright, kind spirit who brought joy to all who had the pleasure of meeting him. His influence and presence will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Through the wonderful memories he shared throughout his amazing life, his spirit and love will live on.

**In God We Trust**

# PROGRAM

Prelude .....*The Battle Is Not Yours* by Yolanda Adams

Processional ..... Family Entry

Scripture .....Rev. Kelvin Patrick Snell, Pastor  
Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church  
Immokalee, Florida

Prayer .....Rev. Lonnie Lee Cochran  
Dothan Community Church  
Dothan, Alabama

Solo ..... Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Choir

Duet .....Torianna White and Tomeco White

## Expressions

*(no more than two minutes, please)*

Friend/Classmate

Family

## Acknowledgements and Resolutions

*Silent Reading of the Obituary*

*(soft music)*

Solo .....Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy .....Rev. Truman Williams, Pastor  
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church



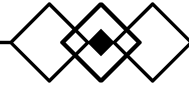
*To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.  
2 Corinthians 5:8*



# KENJI, MY BEST FRIEND, I AM GOING TO MISS YOU

These tears of joy are from the first time that I saw you, my beautiful baby boy. You will always be my best friend. In my heart you will always be there; the gates of memories will never close. I love and miss you everyday. Until we meet again.

Love, Dad

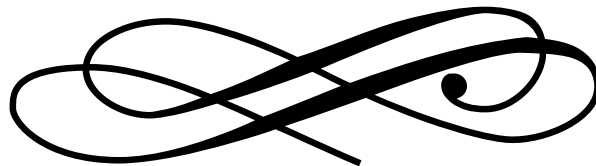


## A PRAYER FOR OUR BROTHER

*To many he was love; it was a Blessing just to be in his presence. Every second, a joyful place to be. A soul so pure, a smile so bright, a spirit just so free. We smile and cry while praying to God, Lord take a hold of me. Our brother was here, but now he's gone to start anew with You. His job down here was over and done, so being in your Glory is due. Welcome your servant to his new home, his last and only one. Bless his soul greatly for a servant's job well done.*

We Love You!

Brandy, Eddie, Pooh, and Nikki



## TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

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 though art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in he presence of mine enemies; though 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 for ever.

Amen

# KENJI MENDEZ

*Snell*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of Mr. Kenji Mendez Snell, wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your condolences and sympathy expressed during this very difficult time. On behalf of the Snell family, we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring support, love, condolences, and respect for our beloved Kenji. Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, text messages, social media posts, flowers, food, and many acts of kindness displayed.

May God continue to bless you all.

~ The Family

### PALLBEARERS

Ashford High School, Class of 2000  
and Cousins

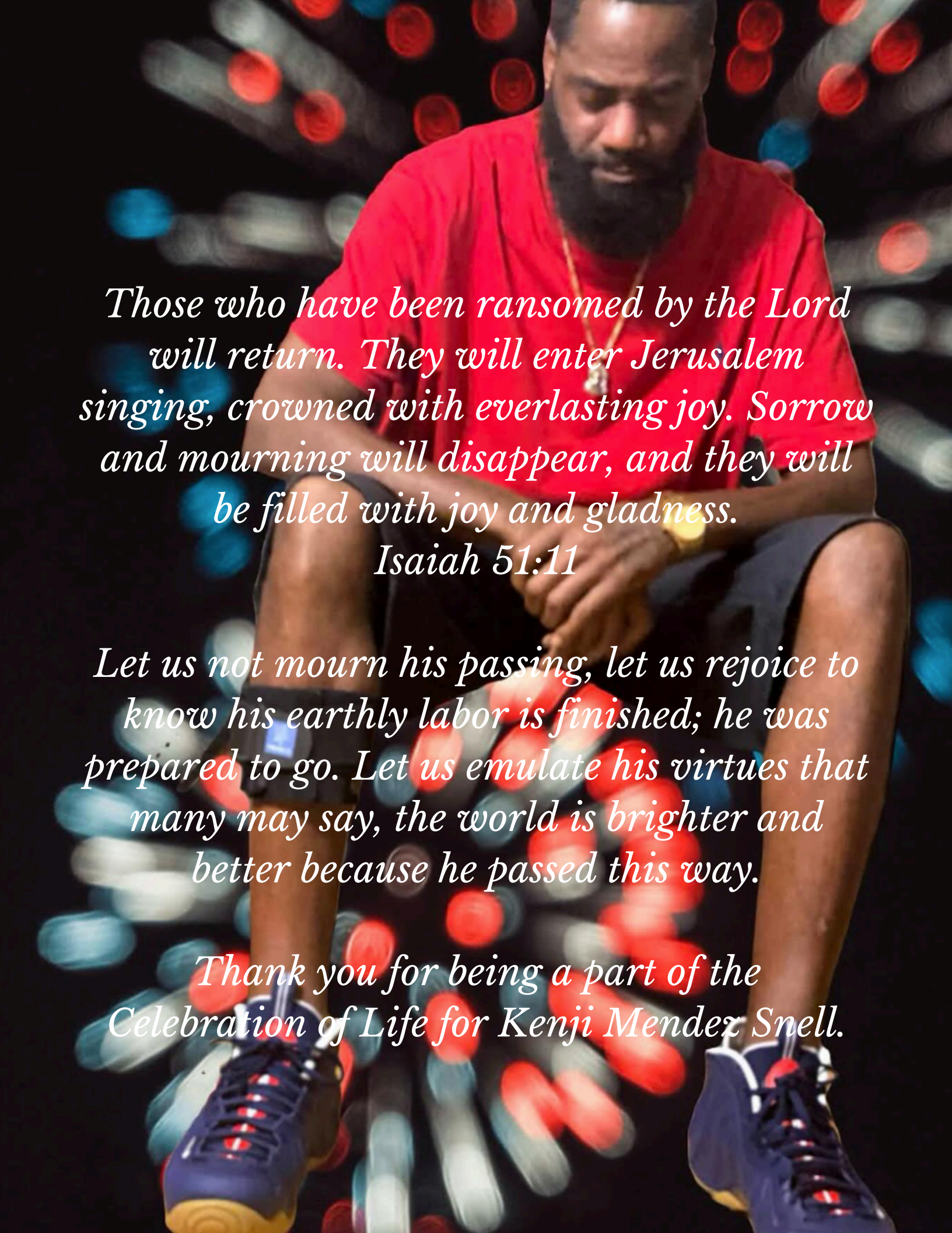
### FLOWER ATTENDANTS

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### INTERMENT

Ashford City Cemetary  
Ashford, Alabama

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:  
UNITY FUNERAL HOME  
DOTHAN, AL

A man with a beard and a red t-shirt is sitting on a chair, looking down. He is wearing a gold chain and a yellow watch. The background is dark with many colorful confetti pieces (red, blue, white) falling around him. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive font.

*Those who have been ransomed by the Lord  
will return. They will enter Jerusalem  
singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow  
and mourning will disappear, and they will  
be filled with joy and gladness.*

*Isaiah 51:11*

*Let us not mourn his passing, let us rejoice to  
know his earthly labor is finished; he was  
prepared to go. Let us emulate his virtues that  
many may say, the world is brighter and  
better because he passed this way.*

*Thank you for being a part of the  
Celebration of Life for Kenji Mendez Snell.*