# For my son

There's a very special place within my heart reserved only for you. It's a place where I store precious memories of your childhood: the little things you said or did that endeared you to me, the sound of your laughter, the sight of your tears.

All of this I have saved. Those years were sa precious, but, oh, how quickly they passed.

Now, before me stands my son, no longer a boy, but a man. As I lock at you, I want you to know that I am filled with pride for the fine, decent person you have become.

Even though all of this has happened much too fast, I am grateful beyond words

for the happiness which you have brought me. I love you deeply, Son, and I want to thank-you for adding so much joy & laughter to my life **Your Mommy** 

Dear Mattie, since the moment we lost you my mind has been plagued with many questions. Losing you was so shocking, man I'm still in shock I'm still hoping and praying that you will call or come home and ring the doorbell in you special way to let us know that you're ok.you're death hit me very differently because you wasn't a violent person, you was sooooo friendly and always smiling bro I can't ever remember you having a bad day. Losing you hurt so much idk how to come out this I'm going to miss you being so annoying and calling me "sister" but I will cherish all our memories and hold them close to 

## Lil bro,

You've always been there, as my friend as well as my brother... I reminisce on all of our memories the good times, bad times, and all the in between times...Mr.Matthew Lee Jr., Just long as I breathe your loving memory will forever carry on ."I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER" YOUR BIG BROTHER.

Marcus

### Broken

To no longer see your face Breaks me everyday so suddenly you were taken that I didn't get to say just how much I love you and that you were my life the hurt I felt when you passed cut me like a knife I'll never be complete again I never will be free from this grief, a solid thing deep inside of me I wear a mask of coping but am in complete despair

I cannot mend what's broken my heart's beyond repair I'll smile If I have to But that is just a mask And I'll say that I'm OK when people kindly ask but I cannot be happy It is something that I lack Never will be whole again for I cannot get you back!

# My Big Brother

Tha first person I idolized your name Tuff said it all. Big bro you'll never know how much I wanted to be like you ever since I got caught at Jim's tryna eat grapes like you while we shop even when I walked down as a youngster they knew me in tha hood because of my big brother. I never showed emotions but ever since March 14, 2023 I cried numerous times. So writing this was harder because I'm still expecting you to come ask me for a cigarette.

So til I see ya again





