

*A Celebration of
Life
and
Spirit*

Celebration Service

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"

Ronald

LaWayne

Caldwell, Jr.

Dawn ~ November 19, 2001

Twilight ~ October 12, 2023



*until we
meet again*

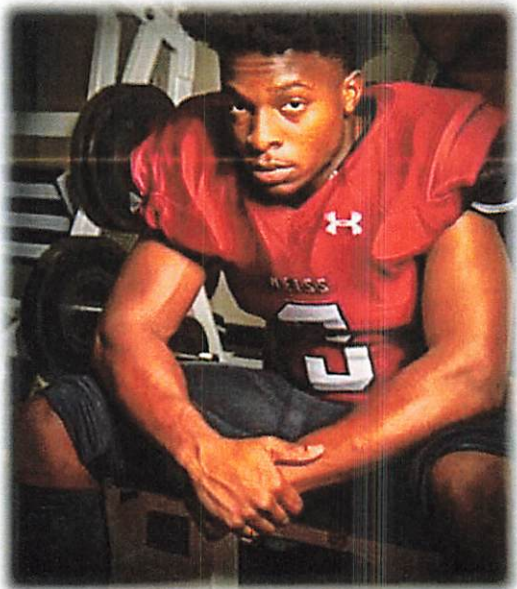
Lord,

Please visit my mother, my daddy, my brother, and my sisters, my family, all of my friends, from school and college, include my teammates, too... give them faith to believe that I am your child, one who believe, and is in your presence and they will see me again. Take away the pain and fill their hearts with light. Help them to walk in love and fill them with joy everlasting.



Lord, please turn their moaning into dancing and remind them about Eternity. Let hope fill their hearts so that I may see them again.

In the precious name of Jesus,
I believe and I pray. Amen.....



If tears could build a stairway...

If tears could build a stairway
And thoughts a memory lane
We would walk right up to Heaven
And bring you home again.

No Farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye."
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

Our hearts still ache in sadness,
And secret tears still flow.
That's what it meant to lose you,
No one can ever know.

But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more,
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today,
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay ...

Love forever,

Your Family



“I will forever be with you...”
Ronald LaWayne Caldwell, Jr.
“RO”

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 who had 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, Manor 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 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 travelled with the team and was instrumental in assisting the Defensive Coach in calling the plays. Ron was a business administration major and looking forward to working with his father in the mechanic and restoration business. He also wanted to play professional football but did not specify a team. He knew if you love football, it was a privilege to be on any gridiron doing what you love. 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, and spiritual young man, one that feared the Lord but loved him dearly. He sowed many seeds in and with his family, his 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 brother, taking steps and reaching goals to make them proud of him.

"I am tired..."

Ron departed this life at the age of 21, on Thursday, October 12, 2023, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, knowing this was not 'goodbye but we will see you later'. Doogie will be joining his paternal grandparents, Lanie and Jewel Caldwell, and maternal grandparents, Dan, and Rosa Bradley, and one 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, Allen Bonner, aunts and uncles, cousins, and a host of other relatives 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.

D R 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

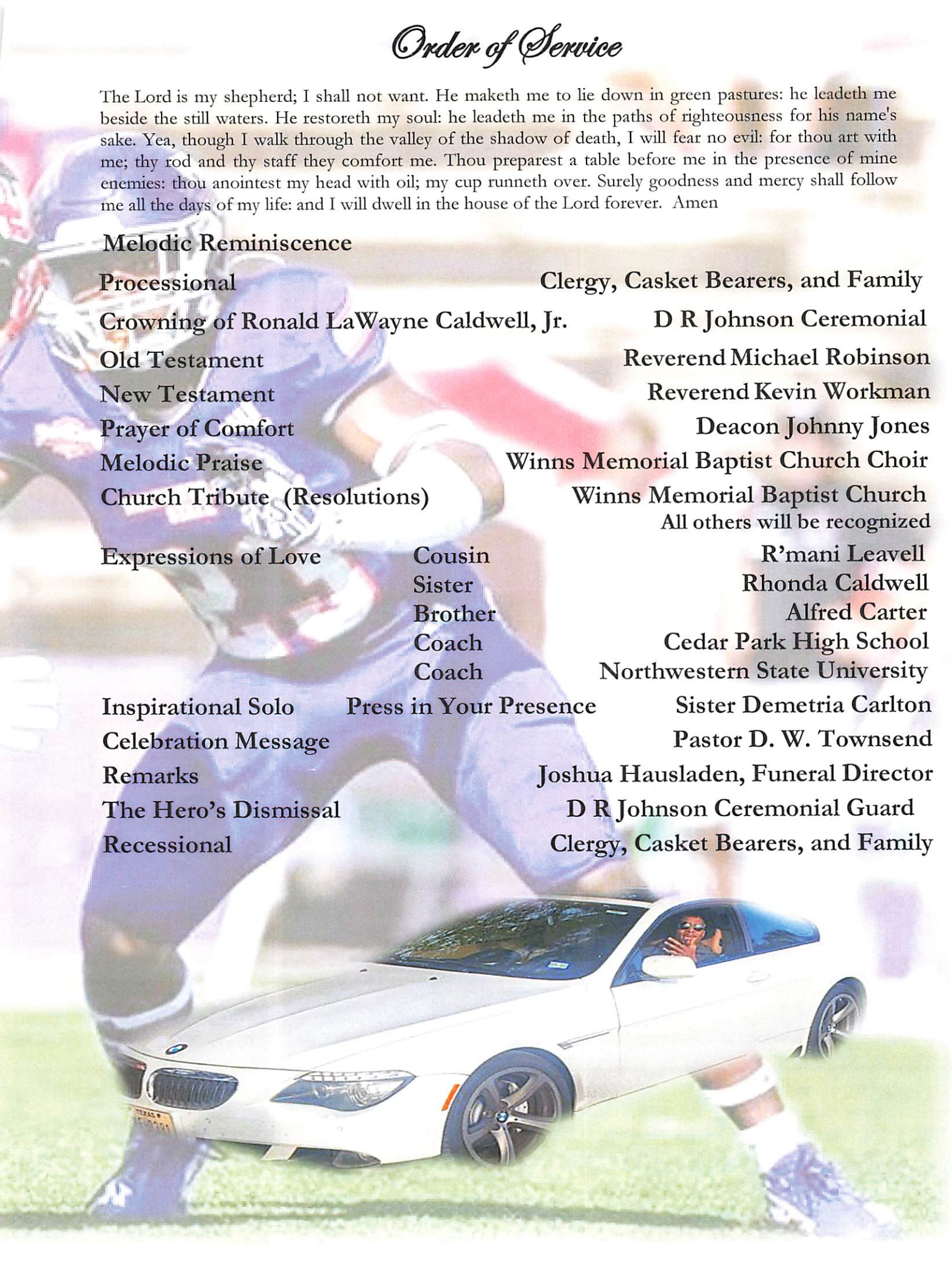
Joshua Hausladen, Funeral Director

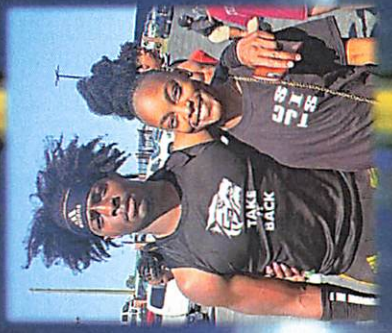
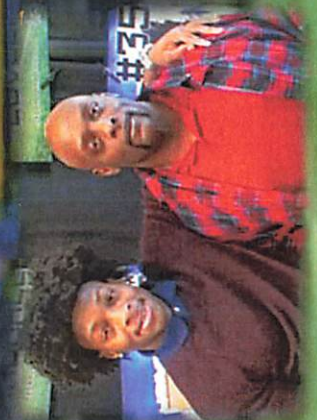
The Hero's Dismissal

D R Johnson Ceremonial Guard

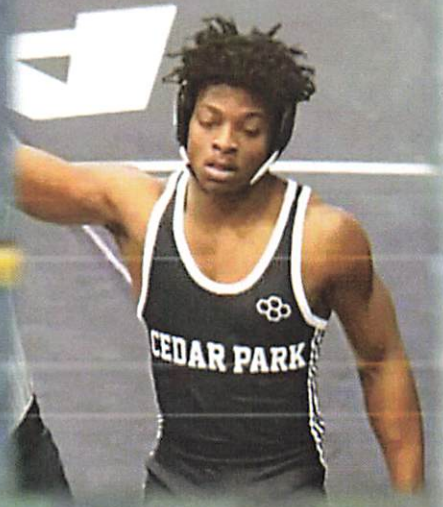
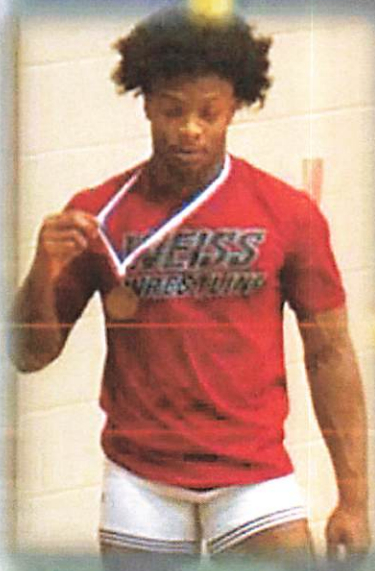
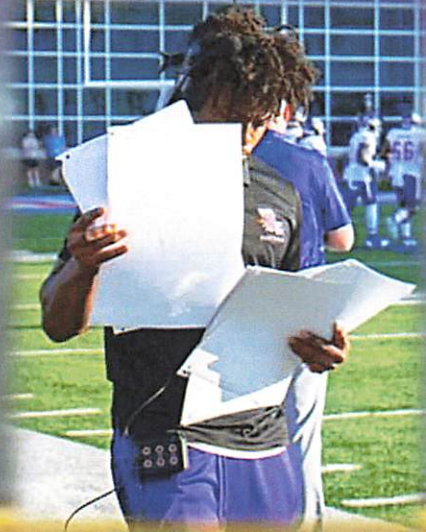
Recessional

Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family





Remembering Ro...



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

Zha'kail Bradley
Kenneth Caldwell
Alfred Carter
King Carter

Christopher Cromartie
Jeffrey Johns
Jerald Johns
Keaden Thompson

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

Oynx Carter

Jawuan Johns
Royal 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...

With Love and Appreciation

~ Ro's Family

Ceremonial Guards

D R Johnson Ceremonial Guard
Ft. Worth, Texas

The Mortal Shelter

Evergreen Cemetery

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