



Mr. Aaron Ray "Sonny Boy" Blackwell

May 12, 1943 - November 29, 2016

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He attended Douglas Elementary and Langston high School in Hot Springs, AR., he later took night classes at U.A.L.R in Little Rock, AR. After high school, he ventured out starting his entrepreneurial career, becoming skilled at grooming houses and a waiter. In 1966, he met the love of his life, Shirley Brown. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on January 13, 1967 and he continued his entrepreneurial skills, which included a Print Shop, Catering, and Bartender. He also worked for Smokey Hollow Meat Company and was in charge of running the Arkansas Food Bank. He joined Holy Soul Catholic Church in Little Rock, AR., loved to cook and spending time with his family.

His favorite past time was enjoying intellectual conversations and really enjoyed a healthy debate. In his later years, he became an avid bible reader, spending many hours in scripture study, and did his best to become a humble servant.

He leaves to cherish his wonderful memory; his wife of 49 yrs., Mrs. Shirley Brown-Blackwell, one son; Brandon Lambert, his siblings; Eugene Mason & wife Leola, Mrs. Cecelea Johnson & husband Albert all of Oakland, CA., Ms. Ida Bea Thompson of Horn Lake, MS., Ms. Janice Nichols, Ms. Ella Mason, Ms. Lynette Vasquez, and Ms. Denise Cannon all of Rochester, NY, Ms. Shirley Presley of Little Rock, AR. Cousins; Ms. Mary Burgess of Hot springs, AR. and Ms. Mary Goshen of Bryant, AR. Three grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Home going celebration will be held Saturday, December 10th, at 11:00 a.m. at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, AR., with burial to follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Waldo, AR. Under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC of Magnolia, AR. Officiating will be Bro. Richard Zachery

Visitation will be Friday from 11: a.m. till 5: p.m. at the funeral home

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

821 E. McKissack
Waldo, AR 71770

Tribute Wall

JV

“ To my Uncle the man that stepped up as my father after the passing my own dad. You taught me so much how to conduct myself basically how to be a man. You were truly the smartest man ive ever known and it was a pleasure to call u MY UNCLE. LOVE JERMAINE

Jermaine Vasquez - December 09, 2016 at 06:22 PM

DC

“ From your other Baby Sister Denise I remember you always pinching and pulling my jaws and telling your favorite joke THE SIGNIFYING MONKEY. Will truly miss u BIG BRO. LOVE DENISE

Denise Cannon - December 09, 2016 at 06:15 PM

LV

“ Sonny you were the go to personwe could always come to you for advice on any topic. You LOVED to encourage others to expand thier horizons no matter what went wrong, you were going to fix it or find a feaseable solution. Thanks fir ALWAYS BEING THERE whenever i truly needed you your presence is sincerely being missed. Your sister Shirley Presley

Lynette Vasquez - December 09, 2016 at 06:12 PM

LV

“ Sonny i just wanna say how much im gonna miss you. Im going to miss our phone conversations,food stories,and jokes nobody can catch a punch line like you. It was a PLEASURE HAVING U AS MY BIG BROTHER!!!YOUR BROTHER EUGENE MASON

Lynette Vasquez - December 09, 2016 at 06:01 PM

LV

“ Hey Big Bro really gonna miss your support, care and LOVE. Thank u for all your contributions to the lives of me and my children

Lynette Vasquez - December 09, 2016 at 05:57 PM

AE

“ Gonna miss all those family stories and that smile! But, knowing we have another angel to watch over us. Love you.

Anita Evans-Davis - December 02, 2016 at 01:25 AM

VM

“ Uncle Sonny, Your wisdom and care for everyone in this family will surely be missed. You're in God's hands now. No better place to be. Love you Uncle!

Vanessa Miller - December 01, 2016 at 03:14 PM

OJ

“ We love you uncle sonny boy!! When you talked every one listen!! Because you kept it real we are really going to miss you!

Oscar Johnson - December 01, 2016 at 10:29 AM