



### Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little—but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me—but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss Me—But Let me Go!

~ Christina Rossetti

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### Acknowledgements

Our thanks to everyone who provided us with the loving support we needed since the homegoing of our loved one.

The Family



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## *Celebration of Life* *for*



**Mr. Lewis Bernard Russell, Jr.**

*June 6, 1952 ~ March 24, 2024*

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**Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel**

**727 North Patterson Avenue**

**Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

**Apostle Gonnio Joe Baldwin, Eulogist**

## Obituary

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16 KJV*

Mr. Lewis Bernard Russell, Jr. was born on June 6, 1952 in Winston-Salem, NC. He was the oldest son of the late Lewis Bernard Russell, Sr. and Thelma Brown Russell. On March 24, 2024, he passed away.

Bernard, as he was known, attended Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools including Atkins High School and graduated from East Forsyth High School. His varied employment included positions with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, B&B Car Wash, and Russell's Funeral Home.

He was a member of Love Fellowship Outreach Church in the city, where Apostle Gonnie Joe Baldwin is the pastor. Additionally in the community, he was a member of the James H. Young Masonic Lodge #670. Bernard enjoyed sports, but especially football and basketball.

Those who preceded him in death include: his father, Lewis Bernard Russell, Sr.; maternal grandparents, Fred and Clara Brown; paternal grandparents, Reese Russell and Octavia Williams; six aunts and four uncles.

He is survived by his sons: Lewis (Drena) Russell and Eric Russell (Hannah Garrison); his mother, Thelma B. Russell; grandson, Bernard Russell; great grandson, Benjamin "BJ" Russell; four brothers: Tyrone (Penny) Russell, Phillip (Wanda) Russell, Tremus (Gwendolyn) Russell, Bernard (Holi) Russell; three aunts: Willie Mae Stowe, Maxine Brown; five uncles: Benjamin (Joyce) Brown, Clevester Brown, Michael Brown, Ricky (Janice) Brown and Robert (Sally) Bethea; his former wife and mother of his children, Ruth Russell; a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

## Order of Service

### Processional

Clergy and Family

### Family Visitation

12:00 PM ~ 1:00 PM

### The Holy Scripture

Mr. Jamar Russell

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

### Prayer

### Selection

Mr. Raymond O'Neil

### Tributes

Church

Ms. Laretta Baldwin

Community

Mr. Edward Russell

Family

Evangelist Mattie Young

Mr. Phillip Russell

### Selection

Ms. Cassandra Wright

### Eulogy

Apostle Gonnie Joe Baldwin  
Pastor, Love Fellowship Outreach Church

### Recessional