



## Mr. Jerry Lewis Bethea

May 20, 1986 - October 10, 2012

Mr. Jerry Lewis Bethea, of Decatur, GA, passed October 10, 2012. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 1:00PM at Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. 701 Reverend D.L. Edwards Dr. Decatur, Georgia 30033 Rev. Louis L. Ferguson, Pastor. Elder Ernest Turner, Officiating. Interment Hillandale Memorial Gardens. Visitation Friday, October 19, 2012 from 9AM-9PM. Wake 7PM-8PM Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA. 30034 (404) 241-5656.

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Jerry Lewis Bethea, known to friends and loved ones as "Gusto", was born to Jerry and Magalene Bethea on May 20, 1986 in Alexandria, Virginia. At an early age, he accepted Christ into his life and began his journey as an inspiration to everyone he met. Once you came in contact with him, it was a guarantee that your life would never be the same.

Jerry attended public school in Bennettsville, South Carolina, where he was a member of the Marching Bulldogs, and later moved to Decatur, Georgia, where he graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School, where he was also a member of the Marching Panthers. He carried this talent over to obtain scholarships which allowed him to attend Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

During his college tenure, he became a member of RDO, Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Bongo Brothers Incorporated, Atlanta Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, The SCSU Marching 101 and the Platinum Sound Marching Band.

After college he continued to use his skills as a percussionist in his ministry as a church musician. He will be missed for his smile, sense of humor, integrity, hard work ethic, and his love and devotion to his family and anyone in need.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Magalene Mitchell; brother, Jeremiah Bethea of Decatur, GA.; sister, Micaela Bethea; a very special nephew Cameron Bethea; and god-sister, LaQuita Rucker, of Newport News, VA. His father Jerry Bethea (Renee), of San Antonio, TX.; 2 sisters Jeniecia and Na'Quinta Bethea of El Paso, TX.; 3 Stepsisters Darlene Reff (Jimmy) and Tamara Edwards of El Paso, TX. and Shyra Amon (Michael) of Germany; one special Great-Aunt Roxie A. Garner of Bennettsville, SC.; a special friend, Nicole Moore and daughter Serenity who he raised as his own; a goddaughter, Madison J. Stubbs; close friends KeKe Mims and Lodecia Cross, 7 aunts, 8 uncles, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillandale Memorial Gardens

6201 Hillandale Drive  
Lithonia, GA 30058  
(770) 981-1144

# Tribute Wall

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