

IN LOVING
MEMORY OF



Lonnie Elijah Bland

SUNRISE: JUNE 23, 2003
SUNSET: APRIL 5, 2023

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 - 10:00 AM

First Baptist Church of Linden

929 Dill Ave • Linden, New Jersey

Obituary

Lonnie Elijah Bland was born on June 23, 2003 and departed this life on April 5, 2023. He was the beloved third child of four to his loving and devoted Mother Felicia Bland and Father Aaron McDaniel.

Lonnie was a brilliant and inquisitive child whose education began in Newark, New Jersey. Lonnie received his elementary education in Newark at Chancellor Avenue School and would complete high school in Plainfield, New Jersey where he earned his high school diploma in 2022.

From the dawn of his youth, Lonnie loved baseball and he began playing Little League at the tender age of four. His love of his teammates and the game was beyond apparent and his coach, Coach Steve was instrumental in his little league career. Lonnie had an extremely promising baseball career, and he had many devoted mentors within the Little League Association.

Lonnie was a passionate writer who would write stories, manuscripts, songs, and plays with great enthusiasm. Lonnie, like any other teenage boy, greatly enjoyed hanging out with his friends, playing video games, singing to drill music, and of course Instagram.

In his youth, Lonnie was cared for by a loving babysitter who would later become more like family. Brenda Hodges, better known to Lonnie as Mama B, and her husband Marlon Hodges, also known as pops, played an instrumental role in Lonnie's growth as a young man. They regularly brought him to church and Sunday school where Lonnie would later develop his personal and loving relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Lonnie developed a tight relationship with his grandmother Gladys as a young boy, and before her passing Gladys and Lonnie would sit and chat while enjoying some cold Pepsi. Lonnie possessed a deep passion for all animals, but he especially loved his little puppy for many years.

Lonnie is not only survived by his loving and devoted mother, Felicia Bland but also by his brothers Cornelius and Justice, as well as his sister Towana, who loved him beyond words. Lonnie loved his siblings and family with great fervor he leaves behind a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends who all grieve and love him tremendously.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

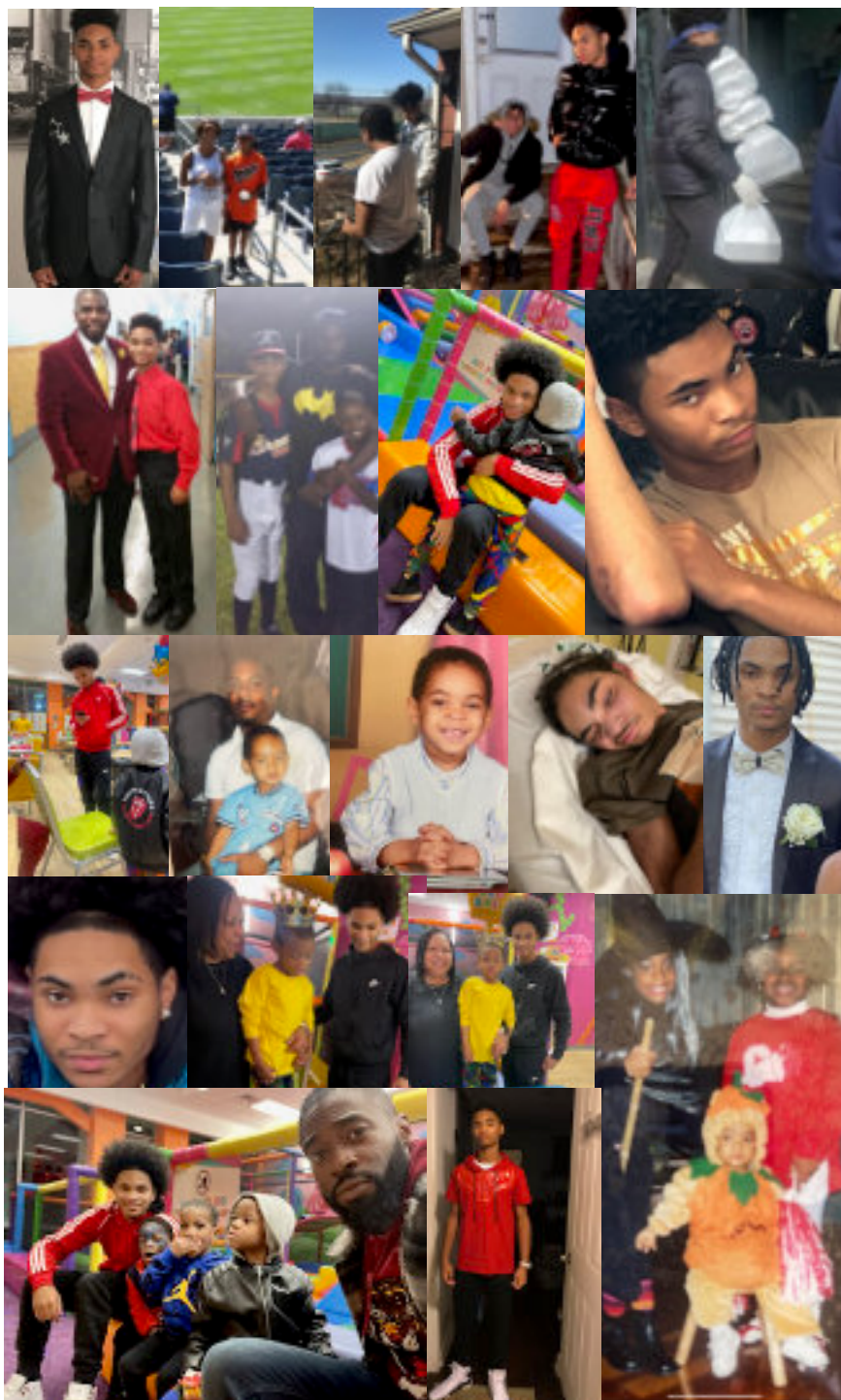
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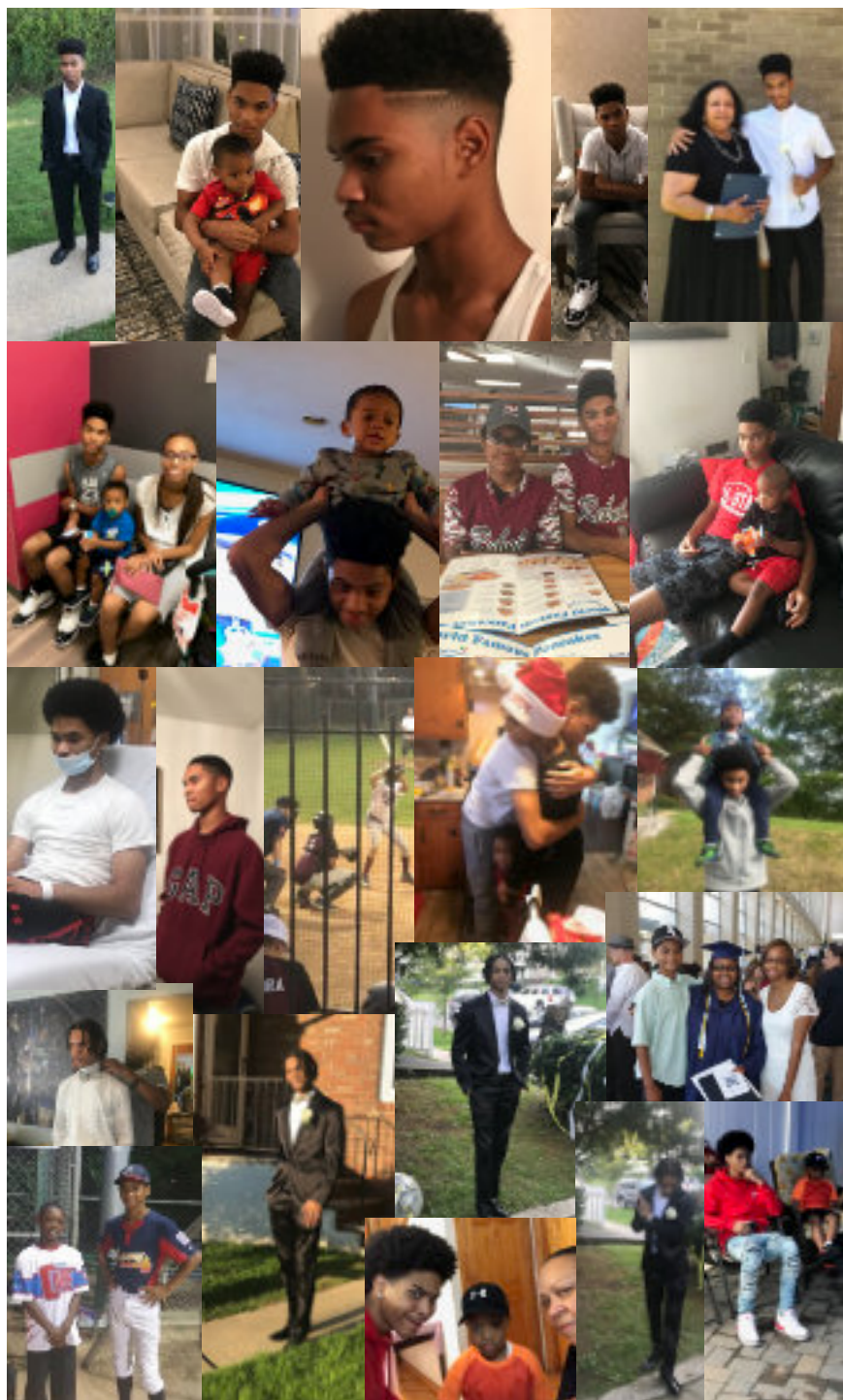
Selection

Eulogy

Recessional







I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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