



A Celebration of Life Honoring
American
Joshua John
Guy Rarenell

Sunrise
 June 13, 1991

Sunset
 December 2, 2023

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

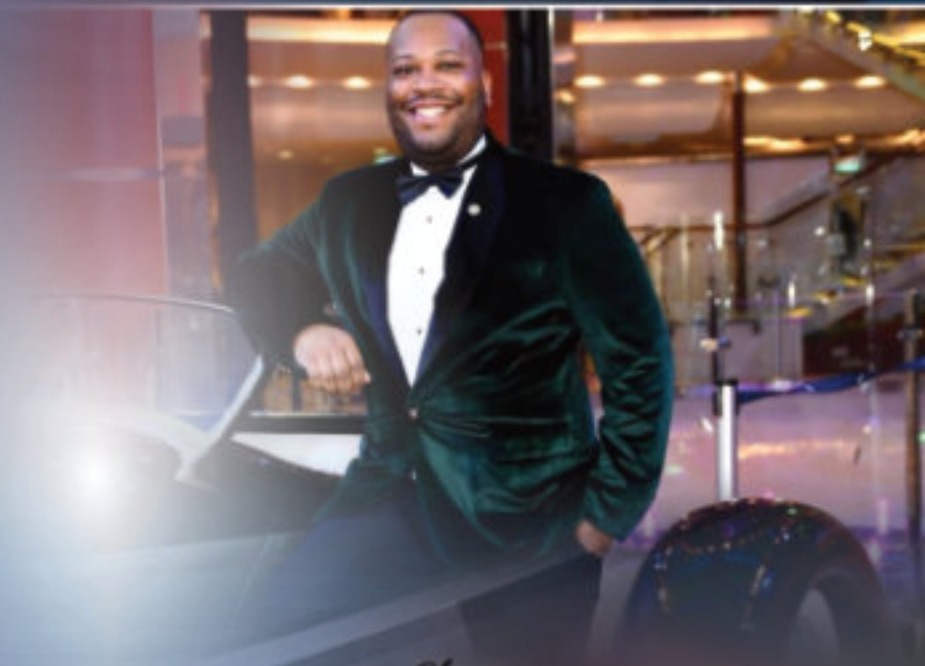
Acknowledgements

The family deeply appreciates the outpouring of support and condolences during this difficult time. Your presence, kind words, and gestures have provided immense comfort as we navigate the loss of our beloved Josh. Your support has been a source of strength, and we are truly grateful for the love and the compassion extended to us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we honor Josh's memory and find solace in our shared memories of him.

Professional Services Entrusted to:
Biglow Funeral Home
 1414 N. Norfolk • Tulsa, OK 74106



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Service

Friday, December 15, 2023

Public Visitation: 10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Funeral Service: 12:00 noon

Metropolitan Baptist Church
 11228 W Apache Street • Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127
Rev. Dr. Ray A. Owens, Pastor and Officiant
Merton Huff, Pastor of Worship Arts

Reflections of Life

Joshua John Guy Ravenell was born June 13, 1991 in the Bronx, New York to James Lamont Ravenell, Sr. and Joy Victoria Lee. Josh described his life as a series of arrivals and departures.

When Josh arrived in the family, he immediately added such humor. He was flat out hilarious! As a kid, Josh would walk around with a bible as big as he was. Everyone thought he would become a pastor. He loved attending Sunday service, and he didn't like being late. On Sundays when the family was running late to church, Josh would run ahead of them in the direction of the church yelling, "We're on our way Jesus!!"

Josh's journey into the world of travel began with a class trip to Utah in 5th grade with KIPP Academy in NY, making that the start of a lifelong passion. The family moved to Tulsa in 2003 and he graduated from Union High School in 2009.

A lover of music, Josh played the viola professionally and was hired to play for Asbury Methodist Church and Boston Avenue United Methodist Church.

He began private flight lessons as a teenager and majored in aviation at the University of Oklahoma. Despite initially aspiring to be a pilot, he embraced the skies as a flight attendant first with GoJet then with Spirit Airlines, and later transitioning to American Airlines in 2013 with a move to Dallas, Texas.

With his larger-than-life personality, it wasn't a surprise that Josh would also make his mark at American Airlines where he served for two years in an appointed position with the Association of Professional Flight Attendants as a Base Council Representative. In that role, Josh was a pillar of support for Flight Attendants coping with traumatic life events, ensuring they had the necessary resources to protect their employment while focusing on their mental health. His advocacy against the exploitation of workers by major corporations highlighted his deep understanding of the challenges faced by his peers.

Whether soaring through the clouds or cruising at sea, Josh embodied a lifestyle that reflected his vibrant energy and light. His compassion and empathy for humanity, coupled with a big pure heart, endeared him to everyone he met. Josh's infectious smile and big eyes illuminated every room he entered. Always impeccably dressed, he cherished the finer things in life, exuding style and class in all he did. As he departs, Josh leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a spirit that transcends boundaries.

He leaves to cherish fond memories and uphold his legacy, his mother Joy Victoria Lee of Tulsa, OK; father, James Lamont Ravenell, Sr. of Newburgh, NY; brother James Lamont Ravenell, Jr. of Tulsa, OK; Niece, Jordyn Gabrielle Ravenell of Tulsa, OK; Nephew, Reece Carter Ravenell of Tulsa, OK; Grandmother, Josie Greene of Raleigh, North Carolina; Aunts: Donna Talley of Raleigh, North Carolina; Traci Banks of Madison, NJ; Kimberly Johnson (Earl Johnson) of Broken Arrow, OK; Charlene Williams (Willie Williams) of Bronx, NY; Michelle Ravenell-Henderson (Thomas J. Henderson, Sr.); Tracy Ravenell; many loving cousins from Raleigh, NC; Castle Pines, CO; Orange, NJ; New York, NY; Bronx, NY; and friends too numerous to count.

Josh had many nicknames given to him by the family. So, we salute our Dookey Love, our Joshie-Washie and our Heartsy. You will live on always in our mind and forever in our hearts. You will be missed.



Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Readings

Minister Jessica McGhee

Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10

New Testament: John 14:1-3

Prayer

Minister Jessica McGhee

Selection

Phil Armstrong

"The Wind Beneath My Wings"

Brief Remarks

James Ravenell, Sr. (Father)

Tyler Blout (Friend)

Bridgett Jones (Friend)

Ashley Oletu with Zachary Banks (Cousins)

Obituary Reading

Earl Johnson

Selection

Merton Huff, Pastor of Worship Arts

"Stay"

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Ray A. Owens

Video and Musical Tribute

Phil Armstrong

"I Need A Word"

Recessional

Entertainment

Floral Haven

6500 S.129th E. Avenue

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Repost

Central Library

400 Civic Center, Tulsa OK 74103

(Greadington Room - Lower Level)