



Carlton Dark

September 6, 1978 - May 13, 2025

Born on September 6, 1978, in Talladega, Alabama, to Judy Dark and Leamon Jemison, Carlton's legacy of music, love, and kindness will resonate with all who had the privilege of knowing him.

From a young age, Carlton embraced his faith in Christ, joining Smith Chapel C.M.E. Church. He later found his spiritual home at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where under the guidance of Pastor Clarence Henderson, he joyously served as a choir member and became an integral part of "The Voices of Worship." Carlton's beautiful voice was a testament to his faith, and his rendition of songs like "Something About the Name Jesus" (which was the last song he sung) will forever echo in the hearts of his audience and listeners alike. He was educated within the Talladega County School system where he attended Munford High School. Carlton exemplified dedication not only in his music but also in his steadfast commitment to uplifting those around him.

Known for his warm smile, infectious energy, and generous spirit, Carlton carried a passion for singing that illuminated his life. He shared his gifts with those fortunate enough to hear him, bringing joy and comfort even through the storms he faced. Throughout his life, courageous and faithful, Carlton never wavered in his belief that prayer and song would sustain him.

Outside of his compassion for helping others, Carlton was known for his warm smile, beautiful voice, and infectious energy, embodying the spirit of friendship that he cherished with loved ones. His passion was singing, with or without music, which brought joy and peace to him, although there were many times in his life, he endured numerous storms and heartaches, along with his share of pain; but Carlton kept the faith and continued praying, believing, and trusting in the Lord. He knew his prayers and singing would give him the courage to continue. Carlton was very talented with a gifted voice and will always be remembered for his generous heart.

As we prepare to honor Carlton's life, we reflect on the love he shared with his family and friends, and the cherished memories that will forever bind us.

On Tuesday evening, May 13, 2025 while in the care of Miller County Hospital, Carlton Lamar Dark, answered the call of his Master and joined his new choir, "The Heavenly Choir". We can hear him singing two of his favorite songs, "I Come from a Poor Family, didn't have Much, But The Lord Has Been Good To Me" because "He Knew a Change Was Going to Come". He now rests in eternal peace, reunited with his loving mother, Judy Dark, father, Leamon Jemison, grandparents, Willie C. Dark and Thelma Brown Dark, Thurman and Willie Jemison, sisters, Eulalia "Yogi" Sistrunk and Denise Dark, II, brother, Leander Boyd, aunts, Margie Jemison, Avyline Dark Bradley, Pauline Hardnett, Linda Curry, Cora Lee Taylor, Louise Jemison, Mary Joyce Steen, and Willie Emma Madison.

Carlton leaves behind cherished memories that will lovingly be remembered by his brothers, Derrick Dark, Thomas (Marietta) Jemison, Jr., Shannon (Amber) Sistrunk, Edward Sistrunk, Dave Sistrunk, and Kenneth Boyd; sisters, Kim (Jesse) Russell, Dawn Boyd, Yolanda Sistrunk, and Benita (Greg) Sistrunk; very special cousin, Brandi Dark; aunts, Wendolyn (Edward) Richardson, Denise Dark Pearson, and Yvonne Arnold; uncle, Willie Dark, Jr.;

and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

As we commemorate Carlton's life, let us remember him as a beacon of love, kindness, and unwavering faith-a true servant of God whose memory will inspire us forever. May he rest in eternal peace, singing among the stars in "The Heavenly Choir."

Cemetery Details

Smith Chapel Cemetery

2824 Chinnabee Road
Munford, AL 36268

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

MAY **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove Baptist Church
801 Jennifer Road
Munford, AL 36268

Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Dj Patterson lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



Dj Patterson - May 23, 2025 at 07:10 PM

MR

“ *Praying For The Family Strength and Peace only GOD can Heal Broken Hearts Love You Family*

Min Mahala J Robinson - May 23, 2025 at 01:38 PM

JH

“ *Jackie Williams Hall lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



Jackie Williams Hall - May 22, 2025 at 03:04 PM

FB

“ *To the family of Carlton, you have our prayers and condolences. We remember years back how Carlton also used his God-given gift of singing when we were in the Hundred Voice Choir. God Bless!!! Fannie Lewis Barnes and Jason Lewis Hall.*



Fannie Barnes - May 20, 2025 at 10:05 PM

AC

“ *My deepest Condolences to Carlton Dark Family he will truly be missed*



Annette Chatman - May 20, 2025 at 12:38 PM

BC

May the joy of the Lord be your strength in Jesus name

Brenda Cook - May 23, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BC

Gone but not forgotten Rest in peace my friend

Brenda Cook - May 23, 2025 at 09:34 AM

VS

“ *Veronica Swain lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



Veronica Swain - May 20, 2025 at 08:43 AM

VS

“ *My condolences to the family . You will be missed friend* 🕊️❤️



Veronica Swain - May 20, 2025 at 08:42 AM

TR

“ Just looking back over the years of how many countless days and nights that we spent together man am I going to miss you my brother/friend just know that I will always love you until we meet again. R.I.P. Carlton

Tracy - May 20, 2025 at 07:53 AM

TJ

“ Teresa Jemison sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlton Dark



Teresa Jemison - May 20, 2025 at 12:30 AM

TJ

You were a special soul. I love you cousin and you will truly be missed. Sing on

Teresa Jemison - May 20, 2025 at 12:31 AM

SC

“ SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
MUNFORD AL



Shady Grove Baptist Church - May 19, 2025 at 11:29 PM

BH

“ Barbara Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlton Dark



Barbara Harmon - May 15, 2025 at 09:58 PM

CN

“ We love and miss u my friend praying for the family rest easy my love from the nix and clay family 🙏🏻🙏🏻



candy nix - May 15, 2025 at 04:12 PM

BS

“ REST UP MY BROTHER 🙏🏻 MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.



BOBBY SIMMONS - May 15, 2025 at 09:53 AM

AA

Gonna miss you son you song with me with the Friendly Brothers come from a poor family but Lord been Good to me

ANTHONY ANDERSON - May 17, 2025 at 02:08 PM

LP

“ *Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



lori pope - May 15, 2025 at 07:56 AM

KA

“ *Kanishia Adams lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



Kanishia Adams - May 15, 2025 at 02:06 AM

PB

“ *My deepest condolences to the Dark family*



Pamela Bradford - May 14, 2025 at 10:35 PM

SJ

“ *Sis Shenetha Jones lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



Sis Shenetha Jones - May 14, 2025 at 09:41 PM

PC

“ Pamela Calhoun sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlton Dark



Pamela Calhoun - May 14, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark



Gwennette Duncan - May 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SH

“ Shuwandra lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark



Shuwandra - May 14, 2025 at 06:59 PM

EW

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Family.SIP CALTON . 🙏❤️🙏👍



Elaine McKenzie Watts - May 14, 2025 at 05:37 PM

WT

“ *Willie And Pat Turner lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



Willie and Pat Turner - May 14, 2025 at 05:08 PM

SK

“ *Know you singing in that heavenly choir !*

sharon knight - May 14, 2025 at 03:27 PM

KC

“ *KATHLEEN CARTER lit a candle in memory of Carlton Dark*



KATHLEEN CARTER - May 14, 2025 at 03:15 PM