



## Rasaunti McKinney

April 13, 1988 - February 22, 2026

Born on April 13, 1988, in Talladega, Alabama, to Randy McKinney and Stephanie Williams-Pickens McKinney, Rasaunti's journey through life exemplified strength, integrity, and an unwavering devotion to his loved ones.

From an early age, Rasaunti embraced his faith, joining the Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church where he connected with his spiritual community. He was educated in the Talladega City School System, culminating his studies with pride as a graduate of Talladega High School. Rasaunti continued his commitment to service by enlisting in the United States Army, where, as a Human Resource Specialist, he honorably served his country for four years. His bravery and dedication earned him numerous commendations, including the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and NATO Medal. He later furthered his education by earning his Bachelor's degree from Talladega College.

Known affectionately as "Saunti," he was a devoted husband to Savannah McKinney, a loving son, a protective brother, and a steadfast friend. His vibrant spirit lit up any room, where laughter and joy would follow him like a faithful companion. Whether on the dance floor, where he moved with grace and rhythm, or in the kitchen, where he conjured delightful treats, Rasaunti

was a man who celebrated life in every way. He found joy in singing, cherished moments spent with family, and exhibited an unparalleled loyalty to his Alabama sports teams, all while perfecting his skills on the tennis court.

After a life well-lived life, Rasaunti Ahmad "Saunti" McKinney, departed this earthly realm on February 22, 2026, surrounded by the loving embrace of his family. Rasaunti leaves behind a legacy of kindness and compassion, qualities that touched all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Randy and Stephanie McKinney, and grandparents, Frank and Katie McKinney, and David Joshua.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Savannah; his beloved grandmother, Evelyn V. Pickens; his siblings, Rantavius McKinney, Markesha Garza, Tycilea Williams, Kalen McKinney, and Julian Jemison; along with a multitude of extended family, godchildren, and friends who will forever hold his memory in their hearts.

As we gather to honor the indelible mark Rasaunti McKinney left on our lives, let us reflect on the joy he brought and the love he shared. Though he may no longer walk alongside us, his spirit will forever shine in our hearts, a guiding light that will lead us through our own journeys.

In heartfelt remembrance, we celebrate the life of Rasaunti "Saunti" McKinney, a beloved husband, a proud soldier, and a cherished friend. May he rest in eternal peace.



# Cemetery Details

**Oak Hill Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

MAR 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

### Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church  
601 Scott Street  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Darrell and Debra McKinney Wilson and Family*



Debra McKinney Wilson - March 07 at 09:04 PM

SD

“ *Sunbelt Rentals, South Atlanta District purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rasaunti McKinney.*



Sunbelt Rentals, South Atlanta District - March 05 at 03:35 PM

SD

“ *Sunbelt Rentals, South Atlanta District planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rasaunti McKinney.*

Sunbelt Rentals, South Atlanta District - March 05 at 03:35 PM

TJ

“ *My condolences to the family.*  
*Theresa Jones*



Theresa Jones - March 03 at 10:46 PM

CD

“ Cynthia Dickerson lit a candle in memory of  
Rasaunti McKinney



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**Cynthia Dickerson** - March 02 at 04:38 PM



“ Valerie Cosby lit a candle in memory of  
Rasaunti McKinney



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**Valerie Cosby** - February 28 at 09:32 AM

RM

“ Regina McKinney lit a candle in memory of  
Rasaunti McKinney



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**Regina McKinney** - February 27 at 09:15 PM

BH

“ Barbara Harmon lit a candle in memory of  
Rasaunti McKinney



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**Barbara Harmon** - February 27 at 02:25 PM

TN

“ I also have worked with Rasaunti, for a few years hard worker always dependable in any situation. May the Love of Jesus give Savannah and family peace. Prayers Lifted Up To Father !!!!

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**Tim Newton** - February 27 at 10:27 AM

ET

“ Blessed are the widows and orphans, you will be missed kind sir.

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**Eraste Trahan** - February 27 at 10:23 AM

JR

Sending prayers to you and your family 🙏 may God bless both family Elaine Reynolds and family

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**Joy Reynolds** - March 02 at 08:45 PM

CH

“ I worked the front desk with Saunti. His wisdom & charisma made anyone light up like a thousand candles. He was fearless, dependable and the kind of person you can take anywhere and it would be a good time. We miss him dearly. May his soul be among the angels of light.



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**Chris** - February 27 at 10:13 AM

BR

“ I worked with Rasaunti (Saunti) we had a funny work relationship. He loved laughing and making people laugh. He would crack short jokes, we can't all be the gentle giant, and I would retaliate by taking stuff off his desk and hiding it. Sometimes he would be like that was a good one. It's only been a few days but it is different at work with out him there. We all miss him!!



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**Brian** - February 26 at 08:07 PM

AF

“ My handsome nephew!! It gives me comfort knowing how much your uncle Baba, the boys and I loved you!! You and your beautiful wife Savannah always visited ND knew you were welcomed with smiles and love!! I spoke with you on Saturday not knowing it would be our last convo. Our last words were I love you and you said love you to Auntie. Get your rest baby and I know your parents have you now!!, We will never 4get you nephew!! until we meet again!!

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**Aretha Freeman** - February 26 at 09:28 AM

DD

“ Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Rasaunti McKinney



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**Deborah Dickerson** - February 25 at 11:06 PM



“ *Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Rasaunti McKinney*



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**Gwennette Duncan** - February 25 at 10:10 AM



“ *Barbara Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rasaunti McKinney*



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**Barbara Wilson** - February 25 at 08:26 AM



“ *Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Rasaunti McKinney*



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**Tina Dickerson** - February 25 at 02:56 AM



“ *May the love of Jesus strengthen this family with love and understanding. Our hearts are with all of you and prayer will get you through this difficult time.*

*With lots of love*

*James Sr., Lois, James Jr., Artavian and Anthony Simmons*



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**Lois Simmons** - February 24 at 10:50 AM

JR

*Sending prayers to you and your family 🙏 f*

**Joy Reynolds** - February 26 at 03:00 PM

LP

“ *Sending up my prayers and condolences to his family during their difficult loss! May God comfort y'all and give strength in the days to come!!*



**lori pope** - February 24 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ *Gentle Giant, I never met this young man in person spoke with Tim on the phone a few times He came to the rescue of a family member of mine just because they knew each other He came through in a great way I greatly appreciate all he done A real man of God a man of action not words. Ms. Margaret Mixon*



**Margaret Mixon** - February 24 at 09:21 AM

MM

*Correction [Him]*

**Margaret Mixon** - February 24 at 12:35 PM

JR

*Praying for you and your family Elaine Reynolds and family*

**Joy Reynolds** - February 24 at 07:56 PM