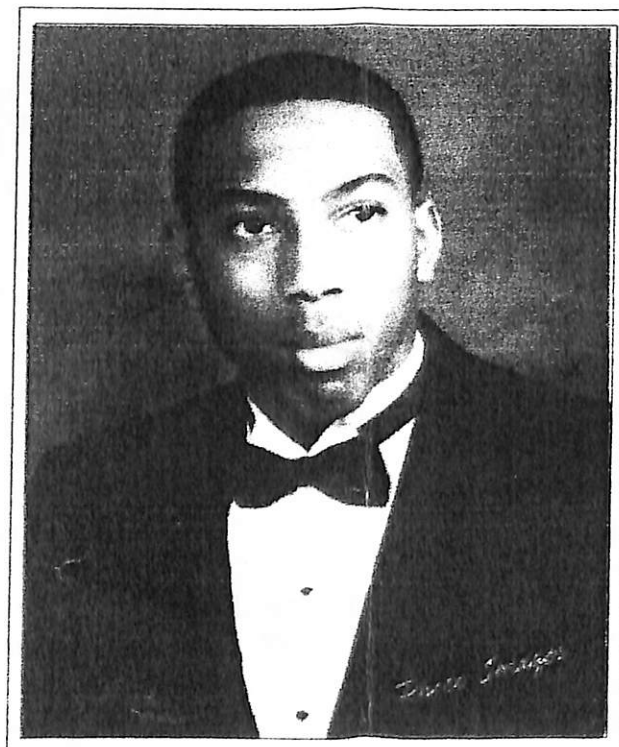


Celebrating The Homegoing
Of

Mr. Rodney Lydale Lockhart



Sunrise
January 5, 1987

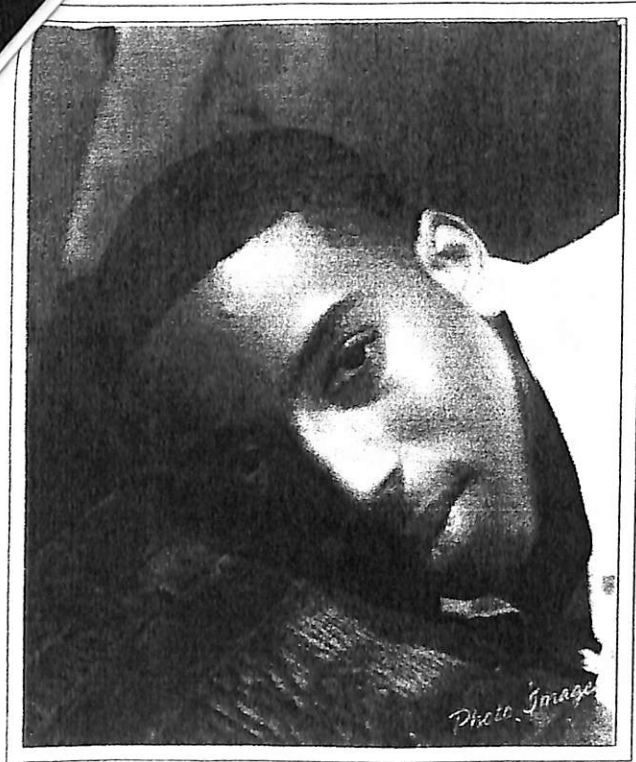
Sunset
September 29, 2007

Saturday, October 6, 2007
2:30 P.M.

J.Z. George High School Gymnasium
900 George Street
North Carrollton, MS 38947

Rev. Robert King, Officiating Minister

Obituary

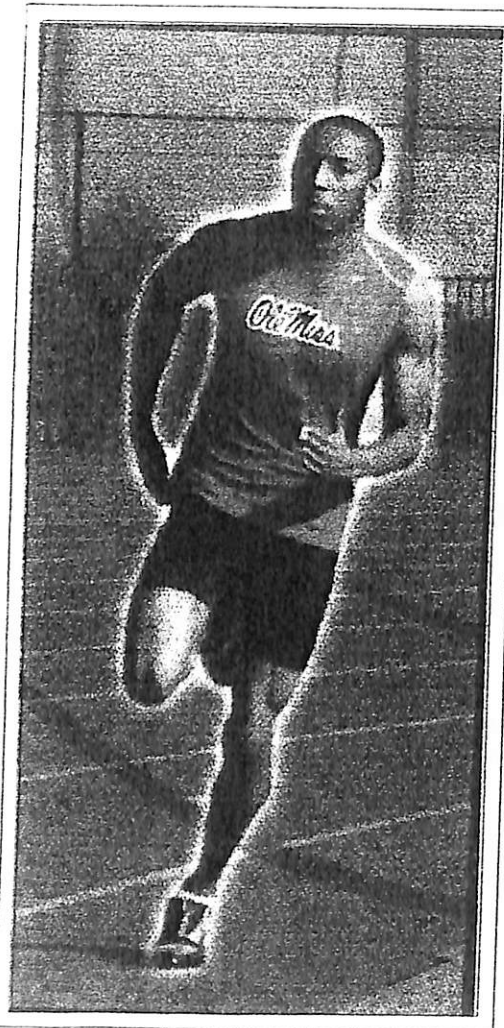


*Take me Lord and cleanse me
Wash away all care
So when my earthly time is done
I'll find you waiting there.
To be born of the water and spirit
In the river I have trod,
Now when I go, surely know
I'll be headed for the kingdom of God!*

Mr. Rodney Lydale Lockhart was born January 5, 1987 to Ronnie and Clarissa Lockhart. He was a junior psychology major at the University of Mississippi and a 2005 graduate of J.Z. George High School. His dream was to succeed in life and let no obstacles stand in his way with his "I refuse to lose attitude."

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving parents Ronnie and Clarissa Lockhart of Vaiden, MS; a loving grandmother Geneva Lockhart of Chicago, IL; a devoted and loving fiancée' Lurena Robinson of Jackson, MS; a loving sister Avis James of Vaiden, MS; a brother Kenneth Lockhart of Jackson, MS; two very special nieces A'Mya James and Ty'Ajah James of Vaiden, MS; nine uncles Junior Campbell, Lee Dell (Elaine) Williams, James (Verna) Williams, and David Harris all of Vaiden, MS; Ishamel Harris of Holly Springs, MS; Willie (Jean) Williams of Memphis, TN; Louis (Sue) Williams of Vicksburg, MS; John Harris of Charlotte, NC; and L.A. (Johnny Mae) Williams of Yazoo, MS; twelve aunts Dora (Frank) Hill of Blackhawk, MS; Juanita (Fernando) Cook of Coila, MS; Eveorn Williams of Winona, MS; Barbara Williams of Glendale, IL; Ruthie Shorty of Detroit, MI; Ruth (Robert) Lewis, Wardeen Jones, Mary (Anthony) Fairweather all of Chicago, IL; Juanita (Harold) Johnson of Prior Lake, MN; Annie (Herman) Fields, JoAnn (Freddie) Burns, and Sharon (Marshal) Nickelson all of Milwaukee, WI.

He also leaves to treasure his memories: two God-grandmothers Levoila Elder and Annie Williams; eight God-mothers: Carrie Duren, Annie Richards, Pam Ghoston, Sarah Head, Dorothy Valley, Mary Ann Pruitt, Gladys Phillips, and Barbara Williams; two God-grandfathers O.T. Williams and Wiley Watson; four God-fathers Randall Duren, Jesse James Ward, Vernon Williams, and Richard Williams, Jr.; one God-sister Angela Tidwell; and devoted friends Tavarus Christian, Jarvis Hemphill, Semarji Duren, Patrick McCaskill, DeAngelo White, Lamarcus Williams, George Davis, Brandon Cook, Willie Sutherland, Craig Cain, Lee Roger Tidwell, Richard Woods, Mae Helen Tidwell, Louise James, Frank Logan, and a host of others.



Rodney Lydale Lockhart

January 5, 1987 ~ September 29, 2007

Rodney was a star athlete. He began competing in track as a junior high student at J.Z. George High School. He polished his skills as a sprinter during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. As a junior, he finished second in the 400 meter dash at the state meet. He also competed in the triple jump. He finished third as a member of the mile relay team. As a senior, Rodney finished first in the 400 meter dash and placed second in the triple jump. He received an athletic scholarship from the University of Mississippi. While there, he poured his heart and soul into track competition.

He competed as a member of the U.S. 4x400 meter relay team at the 2006 World Junior Championships in Beijing, China, bringing home a gold

medal. At the 2006 NCAA MidEast Outdoor Regional he qualified as a member of the 4x400 meter relay team and in the 400 meters. He finished ninth in the 400 meters at the 2006 SEC Outdoor Championships and was a member of the 4x400 meter relay team that finished eighth at the 2006 SEC Indoor Championships with a time of 48.31. He was a member of the 4x400 meter relay team that finished fifth at the 2006 SEC Indoor Championships. He was the top collegiate finisher in the 400 meters at the McCravy Memorial where he posted a time of 47.70. His top indoor times include 21.25 in the 200 meters and 47.34 in the 400 meters. His outdoor bests include 21.79 in the 200 meters and 46.82 in the 400 meters. Rodney Lydale Lockhart is gone, but he will never be forgotten!

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony – Catherine Snow

Prelude.....	Musician
Processional (Seating of Family).....	Soft Music
Scripture and Prayer.....	Rev. Robert King
Song.....	Choir
Special Expressions..... (Claude Elam, Joe Walker, Bryan O'Neal, Brandon Walker)	Coaches and Athletes
Solo.....	Doug Williams
Acknowledgements & Obituary.....	Catherine Snow
Resolution.....	Class of 1983
Solo.....	Doug Williams
Eulogy.....	Rev. Cedric Weeks
Recessional.....	Funeral Directors in Charge

“To every thing there is a season, and a time
for every purpose under the heavens.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Tribute From Parents...

Our Little Boy



No amount of gold could ever compare
To the gift of love that our son shares.
I've been blind and I couldn't see
That all the love I've wanted is right here in front of me.
He gives us reason to get through another day
Maybe it's how he loves us in his special little way.
And when it gets hard for us to sleep at night...
He wraps his little arms around us and says God will make things right!
From sweet gentle touches to his bear hugs and a kiss...
He makes these hard times on earth seem more like a peaceful bliss.
That great big kool-aid smile and the twinkle in his eyes...
Every time we look at him it makes us want to cry.
But they're not tears of sorrow; they're tears of pride and joy...
To know that all the love in HEAVEN is wrapped around our little boy!

*We love you,
Momma & Daddy*

Living in our memory!

Listening to songs we used to listen to.
Thinking back to when we met.
Thinking how much I really miss you.
Looking at our photos,
tears fill my eyes.
Looking at how happy we were.
How I didn't realize.
I miss everything.
From dancing, to smiling, and the sports
to you holding me close to your heart.
I miss our cuddles.
I try to forget but I cant its too hard.

Six years since we met.
Its gone so fast.
Yet it still feels like just yesterday,
since we were living our perfect past.
You told me the past has gone,
and that we may rest at night
You also said you see me in your future,
as being your 1 and only Beautiful Wife.
Those words I'll never forget.
Because I believe every word.
I also believe in never-ending love,
and a love that is no longer heard.
So forever I'll whisper.
I'll whisper 'I love you Rodney L. Lockhart'
I hope you hear me calling,
because you know my whispers true and that you were my 1 and only high school sweetheart.



Rodney, my love, you will forever live in me and through me. I will make you a promise that I will never share with another the type of love we shared. Not a day is going to go by without a tear falling from my eye. And don't worry about Sista because I got her back. Every birthday, holiday, and even every anniversary I will make it my business to take up your slack. Baby I can't say that this is easy and that I'm gone be okay but I know God knows best so My True Love, My Track Star, My Heavenly Husband and Best friend, know that I Love You with every bone in my body Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow and the many years to come. So today I'm going to celebrate your homegoing, our love, cherish our many many memories and let this be Our Wedding Date in heaven. You always said "Bay when I get that contract and do it big, I'm coming for you no matter who you talking to or what you are doing". And you made me promise you that almost every other day. You assured me every time we talked that I was the one and only "Mrs. Rodney Lockhart" no matter how much I laughed and told you to stop playing with me, you'd always say "Alright Bay I'm serious, you just watch". The answer is I DO. So wait for me with my father in heaven and let him know that your wife will greet you one day at the pearly gates. I Love you Rodney and sleep on my heavenly angel.

Yours Forever,
Lurena Robinson

Tributes From Family...

Brother 2 Brother

Honestly I never thought it would be this hard and painful for me to put words on paper. I can try to keep busy and fill up my life with so many other things, but nothing I do will ever fill the hole in my heart from losing you. It won't be a day that goes by without me thinking of you, because you were more than just my baby brother, you were my best friend. You know its a common statement I hear from everyone, "If there's anything you need let me know," and the only thing that crosses my mind is YOU. No cash, no clothes, no jewelry, just YOU! I know this is going to be a long and hard road to travel, but I'm going to honor you by keeping my head up and keeping the family strong. Now at times you will see me with tears in my eyes, and yes they are tears of pain from me missing you, but know when I see you again those tears will be tears of joy. Brother 2 Brother, I'm going to miss you and I love you.

Kent

My Dearest Brother,

Only God, you, and I knew the relationship we established throughout the years. I thank you so much for giving me the brotherly love that you did (even though you thought you were my daddy). You stuck by me when others didn't and allowed A'Mya to give you the title of World's Greatest Uncle. Until we meet again.

*Love,
Avis, A'Mya, & Ty'Ajah*

Tributes From Family...

In memory of my nephew

The person I thought would live the longest is gone. Rodney you will always be in your Aunt's heart. I know there is a God who can heal all hurt and pain. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me though he may die he shall live again." Your Aunt Dora loves you and every time I cook for your mom I will think of you. I'm going to miss cooking those soul dinners for you especially during the holidays.

*Love Always,
Aunt Dora*

Rodney,

You were the best nephew any of us could have been blessed with. We knew the day you were born that you would hold a special place in all of our hearts. You grew up to be a respectable, ambitious, and determined individual. We are all so very proud of you. We wanted more time with you, but God had others plans for you. Rodney your memories will forever be a part of us.

*Until we meet again,
Uncles & Aunts*

Rodney,

Not a day will go by without us thinking about you or missing your presence. We thank God for making you a part of our family. Even if today we cry for your loss, we will cling to God for strength. We will not say good-bye, because we will be reunited again.

*All our Love,
The Family*

Tributes From Friends...

R is for the respect you had for everyone and we had for you.

O is for being an outstanding person.

D is for the determination you had to become a star.

N is for never turning your back on a friend.

E is for the everlasting love you had for your family and friends.

Y is for you being a brother to us until the end.

Rodney, the love we have for you will always remain in our hearts, for we know you will be with us wherever we go.

Love,
Class of 2005 (J.Z. George)

To a friend who was more like a brother:

To some you are forgotten
To others just a part of the past
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memories will always last!

We will miss you more than words can say...
Your Friends

Active Pallbearers

Michael Fleming
Kerrin Fleming
Semarji Duren
Kao Wakoma

LaMarcus Williams
DeAngelo White
Tavarus Christian
Brandon Cook

*Honorary Pallbearers
Class of 2005
Ole Miss Track Team*

*Flower Bearers
Class of 2005
Ole Miss Students*

Acknowledgements: We the family of the late Rodney Lockhart would like to thank you for all acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We thank you for the many calls, flowers, food, and just your presence. We greatly appreciate everything. The family requests all cards, resolutions, tributes, and awards, be given to Pearlie Ward Peeples.



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