



## Ray Charles Harkless

February 18, 1951 - January 2, 2020

Ray Charles Harkless, 68, of Brownwood passed from this life Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Ray was born February, 18, 1951 to Charles Lipscomb and Wilma Harkless. He attended school in Dallas and was known as “Piyate” by his loved ones. Ray was known by his south Dallas style walk. You could recognize his walk from 2 blocks away and knew it was Ray before he was close to you. Ray was a smooth dancer, loved his family and loved life. He kept a smile on his face even while facing obstacles. He showed no fear. Ray Charles was so passionate and extremely loyal to his “Waldrop family. He loved working for them with his whole heart. He attended Mount Zion Baptist Church and loved to sing in the choir.

Ray Charles is survived by his daughter, Amethyst Gaines of Houston; father, Ray Charles Lipscomb of Tyler; sister, Laronia Ross of Marshall; brothers, Ray Charles (baby Charles) Lipscomb of Tyler and Timothy Wayne Harkless of Dallas; exceptional cousin, Randy Randolph of Brownwood; as well as nephews, nieces, co-workers and friends.

Ray Charles was preceded in death by his mother, Wilma Dean Harkless and brother, Demetrius Lipscomb.

The family wanted to express deep appreciation to Paul Waldrop and Waldrop Construction Company, family and staff for their generous support. A very special thanks to Randy Randolph for being there, giving the utmost support throughout this Journey.

# Events

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**JAN** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church

914 Bailey St, Brownwood, TX, US, 76801

# Comments

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“ Prayers and hugs from Charles, Charles, and Laronia.

**Laronia Oliver** - January 10 at 06:52 PM

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“ Charles you will be so missed your lovely smile your special walk and your singing to the Lord was so awesome Rip my friend u maybe gone but never forgotten.

**Maria Delgado** - January 07 at 08:31 PM

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“ I will miss your laugh sweetheart, and I will always cherish the memory when you kept singing and my mom was rolling her eyes at you and you would look at her and smile and keep singing. Our days in the choir at Mt. Zion were phenomenal. No tears shall I shed my friend because you are truly free to walk the streets as only “Yatee” can do! Love u naye

**Renee** - January 07 at 10:33 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Ray Charles



**Tye Langehennig** - January 07 at 10:28 AM