



## Mr. Jarwon Lucas Kelly

September 21, 1988 - November 17, 2024

Jarwon (Barrington) Lucas Kelly, was born on September 21, 1988, in Lawton, Oklahoma to the late Mary and JD Lucas of Columbia South Carolina. At the tender age of ten, in the classroom and under the direction of his orchestra teacher, he began to hang out with the Kelly Family.

As a young student, he attended Carver Lyon Elementary, W. A. Perry Middle, C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy, and graduated from Bluffton High School in 2007. Then, under the advice of Dorothy Jean Kelly, he was blessed to be taught and nurtured by his orchestra teacher, Reverend Rosa E. Kelly, ultimately becoming his mentor, friend, devoted guardian & adoptive mother.

His passion for music deepened significantly, broadening as he explored a diverse range of instruments. He was one of the youngest to earn a solo and participate in Richland One District Honor's Orchestra, Hilton Head Orchestras (Concert Master), one of the youngest to participate in Region and All State Orchestras and Solo and earned superior rating from grades 6th to 12th grade playing violin and viola. He began with the tones and Bach Cello suites. His curiosity then led him to the guitar discovering the joys of strumming TikTok inspiration melodies. He also embraced the drumline at CA Johnson, cello and keyboard, where he experimented with various musical styles and harmonies learning the intricate patterns and beats that brought energy, smiles and peace to performances.

Beyond his musical pursuits, he developed a love for reading immersing himself in books from Rev. Kelly's library that sparked his creativity and expanded his imagination. This flourished as he dribbled and dabbled in various forms of Art, expressing and searching his thoughts and feelings through writing and visual mediums. He became passionate for people and supporting his peers, using his voice to champion causes that mattered to him.

J3 ("Apple", "Jarthentic", "Jay" or "Jar") became a member of an affiliated member of Mother Emanuel, Camble Chapel, Mt. Calvary, and Mt Pisgah AME. Churches where he participated in various activities and became an active member of in YPD. Among the various activities and auxiliaries, he also participated as a member of the Sunday School, Sons of Allen, Youth and Young Adult Choir direction and musician, and held an office in each auxiliary. So much so, he became the Connection YPD Gazette Editor.

Jarwon was full of life and he enjoyed watching Anime, Reality TV, creating unique items wit his Cricut Machine, and gaming but most of all, he loved his dogs, and encouraging other to be their best Beloveds.

On Sunday evening, November 17, 2024, Jarwon received his call home. Jar won proceeded in death by his birth mother and Father the late Mary and JD Lucas, Aunts Sarah Parker, Delois Reardon, Sally Jones, Ada Garner and Dorothy Oree; James Allen Hite (uncle). He is survived by two siblings Tonya Oree and Javis Lucas; Vermell Belamy and Lilly Thomas; and Robert Sumter (uncle).

J3 also proceed in death by his blessed grandparents Harold and Dorothy Jean Kelly, Sr, and is survived by his adoptive mother Rev. Rosa E. Kelly, two siblings Justin (Iris) Kelly, Jadee (Lakisha) Johnson, Nadine (Andre) Frost

(Aunt), Harold E. (Vanessa) Kelly Jr. uncle, Marion (Shelia) Kelly (uncle), Romain (Annette) Kelly (uncle), and a host of nieces and nephews and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church  
819 Woodrow Street  
Columbia, SC 29205

## Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Dr. Ila McFadden purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Jarwon Lucas Kelly.*



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**Dr. Ila McFadden** - November 22, 2024 at 10:57 AM

CE

“ *Our prayers and sincere condolences are for Rev. Rosa Kelly and all family and friends Rev. Dr. Angia Taylor and Centerville AME Church*



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**Centerville** - November 22, 2024 at 10:36 AM

TF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.*



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**Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family** - November 21, 2024 at 06:40 PM

MM

“ *Thank you Mr. Lucas for sharing in the growth of Isaiah Malachi Moore. The learning, the teachings, the softness of your voice and the caring you gave to Isaiah. A rub of his back just made his day. Thank you and we will miss you. God Bless your Mother, you spoke of her often and the dog.*

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**Ms. Moore** - November 21, 2024 at 10:38 AM

SB

“ My son & I were blessed to meet him through field trips we took together through our special needs classes. He had such a beautiful soul. His smile brightened up every room he walked into. Our special needs community will miss him. We appreciate every minute we had with him.



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**Shannon Brown** - November 21, 2024 at 09:52 AM

AE

“ Jarwon was an amazing, vibrant young man! He could brighten any room with his smile, and was such a wonderful musician. We always appreciated when he played with the Columbia Community Orchestra, sharing his talents with others! He will be greatly missed! Rosa, we are praying for you and your family! Love you!! ❤️

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**Amy Evers** - November 21, 2024 at 08:21 AM

RO

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family, Ms. Kelly.



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**Roderick** - November 21, 2024 at 07:24 AM

ST

“ Sarah, Eric, Stella, and Savannah Tew purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Jarwon Lucas Kelly.



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**Sarah, Eric, Stella, and Savannah Tew** - November 20, 2024 at 05:03 PM

ST

“ Sarah, Eric, Stella, and Savannah Tew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jarwon Lucas Kelly.

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**Sarah, Eric, Stella, and Savannah Tew** - November 20, 2024 at 05:03 PM