



## Mr. Rayon Armeen Braxton

August 21, 1990 - November 27, 2015

Rayon, son of Armeen Braxton and Dereasha A. Banks Leaks, was born August 21, 1990 in Harrisburg, PA.

Rayon graduated from Susquehanna Township High School, Class of 2010. He was united in Christian fellowship with Faith Temple where he served with the Music Ministry. Beginning in 2004, Rayon embraced the practice of Family Group Conference which Dauphin County adopted to bring families together to make positive decisions and solutions to varied and numerous problems. From 2006 through 2010, Rayon traveled with county commissioners, judges and administrators to teach other county officials the positive practice of decision-making.

In 2010 through 2012, Rayon taught, coordinated and directed youth in dance and play acting. He wrote the Play, "A Child Called Hope," for the purpose of bringing attention to child abuse issues. With his talented, creative and entrepreneurial abilities, Rayon continued to make an impact on the youth of the community. In 2010, with a vision and mission to create a safe haven for youth to express themselves in positive ways through dance and other art forms, he founded and established Braxton Hall. Additionally, he utilized Braxton Hall to take in troubled youth, mentor and offer them a safe place to stay if they were homeless or unable to go home.

In Harrisburg, at twenty-five years of age, on November 27, 2015, Rayon transitioned into eternal life. He leaves to share the grief and pain of his passing: his son, Kaiden M. Braxton; mother, Dereasha A. Leaks; stepfathers, Kevin Leaks and Norwood Jones; father, Armeen Braxton; sisters, Armeasha Braxton, Saliyma Chapman, Angel Jones, Zebra Curry and Kaniah Leaks, all of Harrisburg; three brothers, Armeen Jr., Kareem and Charles Braxton, all of NY; grandmothers, Claudette Jackson of Harrisburg, and Theresa Braxton of NY; great grandmother, Miriam Jones of Harrisburg, mother of his son, Brianna Sports of Harrisburg; aunts, Kamika Banks and Markisha Peace, both of Harrisburg, and Shareem Braxton of NY; nephew, Adrian Ervin; niece, Melanie Curry; cousins, Ronnell, Najee and QuaShawn Banks, ShaNiah and Atheona Cuthbertson, all of Harrisburg; as well as other relatives and friends.

With Our Everlasting Love, Submitted by The Family

Family, friends and the community will sorely miss Rayon's sincere compassion and drive

to make our community a better place. The world is a better place because Rayon lived!  
Service for Rayon will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, December 9th, at Wallace Funeral  
Directors with visitation 10-11 a.m. Interment will be at William Howard Day Cemetery.

# Comments

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“ Rayon had a bigger than life personality - and he was a fabulous dancer. He was a really nice guy, always willing to help others. Maybe his legacy will be a change in the violence we see scourging our young people?  
Rest in peace, Rayon - may your memory be eternal.  
Lorie DiClemente

Lorie DiClemente - December 09, 2015 at 12:15 PM

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“ Ronica Kohn and Family purchased the Footprints Bracelet for the family of Mr. Rayon Armeen Braxton.



Ronica Kohn and Family - December 08, 2015 at 07:24 PM

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“ My heart goes out to u and your family for the loss of your son "Rayon" lord knows he will live on in the community of Harrisburg ....Deepest condolences to your family



Jaquetta Foster - December 07, 2015 at 10:33 PM

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“ First and foremost I want to continue to send my prayers and condolences to Rayons family....Rest in Paradise <3 Rayon <3 You were a mentor, educator, believer....mann theres so many words that can be said to describe what a wonderful person you are and how many lives you impacted. Im still in shock, at a loss for words....but you may be gone....NEVER FORGOTTEN! Your story will be told over and over again on how you strived to make harrisburg a better place and how you designed a place to keep people off the streets...man....its not fair brah...but I do know that the Lord called you to his paradise for a reason...and I know you are looking down on each and everyone of us. ...Thank you for helping me when needed and giving me good advice in the business area....You will see..<3 RIP RAY



Gina - December 07, 2015 at 06:30 PM

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“ A young man set out to save his peers from death-by-street; however, his vision was met with much opposition. Crime, tradition, lack of support -- they all combined to try to discourage him. The more people told him change was impossible, the harder he fought to prove them wrong. Finally, someone offered him financial support; someone else, a building, others much needed encouragement. He put in the hours, (scrubbing floors, painting walls, pounding nails), to make it happen. All forms of communication were fair game to get the word out: printed flyers, which showed up on every building and post; social media, where evites and save the date notices showed up on all his “friend” walls; and word of mouth – no conversation ended without him mentioning his newest venture. Opening night was a success; the street crews came, and promised to return. Community leaders heard about a new, emerging leader, and accepted his invitation to join a forum to discuss a change. What he stated as his goal became reality; a community center/business driven not by a financial gain as much as by the desire to impact lives. The young man described himself as not afraid to be “available to the lost, misguided, and disenfranchised” – not a stranger to poverty and adversity – but equipped with first-hand knowledge on how to build a dream. Many took him at his word; they went to him for a chance and were not disappointed. The beautiful vision-caster sought to save his peers from death-by-street; nonetheless, on Friday night the street walked up two flights of stairs, into his world, and with cold-hearted deliberation, dispatched several bullets that killed his dream – and him.

R.I.P.

Jennie Daniels

Jennie Daniels - December 07, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ Our Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Rayon. I just met Rayon this past summer and enjoyed hearing his vision for the youth of Harrisburg. He will be missed.  
Rev. Carl Adkins  
Between the Numbers Ministris

**Carl Adkins** - December 06, 2015 at 03:17 PM

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“ Family  
Praying for your strength.



**Danielle Chambers** - December 06, 2015 at 01:44 PM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to the Braxton Family for the loss of Rayon! My son graduated with him and spoke many kind words about Rayon. He was loved by many. May his memory and name live on FOREVER! RIP...



**Sheri Cohle** - December 06, 2015 at 09:23 AM

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“ ARLENE LENE WOODS DOCKENS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rayon Armeen Braxton



**ARLENE LENE WOODS DOCKENS** - December 06, 2015 at 08:39 AM



“ Dereasha and family - hold to God's unchanging hand. As a mother myself I can only imagine what you are going through. Rayon went to school with my daughter Saleena. May it give you some peace to know how many people loved Rayon and spoke about how he was a positive influence on many of the youth in this community and in school. Please know that I am available to help you in any way that I can anytime. All you have to do is call, text, and/or email me. I love you and may God bless you, Darlene

**Darlene** - December 09, 2015 at 11:31 PM