



Lindsey "Perry"
Lattimore

Jan. 4, 1952 - Oct. 14, 2023

On Oct. 14th, 2023, a beloved child of God, Lindsey "Perry" Lattimore, died at the age of 71. Born to the late Leonard and Laura Lattimore, Lindsey "Perry" Lattimore Sr. graduated from Morganton High school in Morganton, NC, North Carolina Central University (NCCU) and Appalachian State University. At NCCU he became a proud member of the Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Perry established a vibrant career at J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center, formerly known as the Western Carolina Center, as a Special Education Teacher and Behavior Analyst. After dedicating 32 years to the State of North Carolina, he received the highest honor that one could receive by the Governor of NC; "*The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award*." His wisdom lives on through scholarship articles co-published in the Medical Journals of Applied Behavior Analysis.

His greatest passion and God given gift was singing, producing, and writing music. He began performing on many stages beginning at a young age and consistently inspired people with his melodious and prophetic voice. In his late 20's and 30's he concentrated mainly on southern gospel music after joining the Gospel Enforcers and later branched off to continue a solo music ministry. Together the Gospel Enforcers produced multiple albums and shared the stage with well-known artist such as Shirley Caesar and the Mighty Clouds of Joy. Singing and ministering was one of his greatest joys and gifts to further the kingdom of God.

Perry was a lifelong faithful member of Slades Chapel AME Zion church, as his parents before him, and served in numerous capacities. He loves sports and enjoyed coaching and teaching the varied sports, especially to his children and grandchildren.

He was a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, where he officiated softball and football as a certified CIAA officiant.

While attending NCCU he met and married his college sweetheart the late Donna Ray (Lawson) Lattimore, together they had two children. When God called Donna home, Jan. 10th, 2014, it was a great loss. God knew his agony and sent him Isabell, who came into his life to care and love him unconditionally.

Linsdey "Perry" Lattimore, Sr. is preceded in death by his parents, the late Leonard and Laura Lattimore and wife Donna Ray Lawson Lattimore. He is survived by a wife Isabell Lattimore, of the home; a brother, Jodie Ervin (Lula); a son, Lindsey Perry Lattimore, Jr. (Katelyn) of Fort Mills, SC; a daughter, Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden (Sean) of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Alivia Lansden, Aria Lansden, Aryn Lansden, Huntington Lattimore, Whitaker Lattimore, and Collins Lattimore. He inherited a bonus family of three more children: Duane Goodwin, of Charlotte, Juwana March of Morganton, and Jeffrey March of Pennsylvania, ten more grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a special mother-in-law, Lena Graham, of Fayetteville, NC; sisters-in-law: Nadine Blake, Durham, NC; Roselyn Smith (Tony) of Georgia; Michele Baptist; and brothers-in-law: Clarence Baptiste of South Carolina; and Theodis Goodwin (Camille) of Fayetteville, NC and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral services will be held at First United Methodist Church, Morganton, NC, Saturday, Oct 21st, 2023, at 12noon, with visitation at 11am. Rev. Stephen Wingate and Rev. Dr. Phanta I. Lansden will be officiating. A burial will follow in the Olive Hill Cemetery.

The service will be live-streamed beginning at 11:50 a.m., on the Facebook page of First United Methodist Church Morganton

(<https://www.facebook.com/fumcmorganton>) or YouTube

(<https://www.youtube.com/@firstumcmorganton9267/streams>).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Slades Chapel AME Zion Church, P.O. Box 2385, Morganton, NC 28680.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



—Edna Suttles



Under God's infinite graceful mercy your beloved Precious Perry will surely rest in peace. So very sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. May God's loving grace give you peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead. Keeping you all in loving prayers.

—Patricia T. Moore

Dear Lattimore Family, I was so sorry to learn of Perry's passing. When I was in high school, I got to know Perry through the band that he was in with my boyfriend at the time, Bill Covington. Later, my father, Dr. Iverson Riddle, would keep me up on Perry's good works at Western Carolina Center (now, JIRDC). I have known few people who made such a "joyful noise unto the Lord." Marsha Riddle, my father's wife, told me that First Methodist had never so rocked as in his honor. This good, kind man will be much missed but will so liven up the heavens. Holly Riddle

—Holly Riddle



My heart hurts but I know you're at peace now. No more



pain. I could never thank you enough for all you've done and the impact you made while doing it. Thank you for showing my granny the correct way to love. I inspire to have a relationship like you guys. We talked about taking the boat out this summer if you didn't want to see me drive that bad you could've just said that but hopefully I can still take it out when it gets back hot. And don't you worry I'll still be buying you that bronco blue and white go Broncos. Love you Mr P I know you're dancing and singing with the angels. Till we meet again

—Joy



The tribute that Bill Covington wrote was very touching and thought provoking. I remember the band "Sounds of Soul" very well too with Perry Lattimore as the lead singer. They were all of that in some of the Nations turbulent times. They truly showed what we could do working together. Perry was my friend, invited me and my cousin Leroy to his homecoming at Central. Treated us well!! I believe in my heart that that he's truly at peace waiting on his turn to lead the Heavenly choir!! SIHP brother Lindsey Perry Lattimore, SIHP

—Ruth Roseboro

My condolence to the family I pray that they find comfort and solace in the words of the Lord

—Eureka Vaughn

To God be the glory, you have have just beat us to the Kingdom, but remember you can't crown him till I get there. Rest in Peace Sincerely. Robert Henry and Family

–Robert Henry



With condolences.

–Jacqueline C. Kanipe



I love you big bro, you made me wanna song, you made me wanna go to Central. You made me want to play football and pledge Omega Psi Phi You, your mom and dad made me and Maurice feel very special and loved. Rest in Peace cuz, although I'm sure you'll be serenading the angels all the while. One love forever. Robert McDaniel and family.

–Robert McDaniel



I worked with Perry in the Dogwood Resource Center at J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center, for many years. He was a sweetheart, with a beautiful singing voice, and a great smile. I fondly remember being part of the Barry White backup singers for the American Bandstand show one year, put on for the residents. Perry made the perfect Barry White!! He will be missed!! RIP my dear friend. I'm sure you are singing in the heavenly choir. My condolences to the family. With love and prayers.

–Robin Hennessee Laffey

—Darren and Shanna Wall and Family

my prayers are with the family of Perry, I knew him and His parents when my Father was pastoring Slades Chapel the Late Rev. James L.Hunt. I have many memories of going over to Perry's house and playing basketball, Also I use to shine shoes in his dad's barber shop May the peace and comfort of God be with you. for perry is now at his eternal home with the Lord.

—Rev, DR. James "Bunt" Hunt

Loved his singing and was a great guy to work with he will be missed

—Judy Auton



Sending my most heartfelt sympathy to Phanta, Len, Isabell and the rest of the family.

—Carol Ervin Largent

Perry and I have been friends for many years; we spent a lot of happy times travelling with our band The Sounds of Soul in the late 60's during high school. This was a show band covering the music of James Brown, Motown and Stax. We had 3 singers out front: Perry on most lead vocals, Andrew on the high Smokey Robinson parts, and Sparky on the rougher bluesy tunes. Andrew's brother Leroy was our funky bass player, and he could dance like James Brown. The horn section was Eric and John; the rhythm section was Jimmy, Carl, Leroy and me. Perry and the guys sang and danced, we backed them up, and we worked frat parties and dances from Alabama to Georgia to Washington DC. We were an integrated band of brothers with a mission of music and celebration. I'll never forget those days.

–Bill Covington

I love you big bro. You made me wanna sing, you made me want to go to Central. You made me want to play football, and pledge Omega Psi Phi. You your Mom and Dad always made me and Maurice feel very special and much loved. Rest In Peace Cuz Although I'm sure you will be serenading the Angels all the while. One Love Forever. Robert McDaniel and Family.

–Robert McDaniel



May the love of God be with you through this difficult time. Special prayers and heartfelt condolences to Isabell, Lin, Phanta and grandchildren. Weeping may endure for a night, BUT joy comes in the morning! God bless you all! The Cannons & Bowlings

–Mr William & Rev. Dr. Queen L. Cannon

My heart is broken to learn of Perry's passing. I came to know Perry when he sang with a band comprised of John Entzi, Carl Kirksey, Eric Petrie, & Bill Covington. Perry was the sweetest person. He did have a God given talent for singing. I fondly referred to him as Burke County's own Barry White. I know he is heaven singing up a storm. Perry you will be missed. Sending all my love to you and your family.

–Elaine Entzi Huffman



My condolences to the Family, God Bless and much love
Vanya McElrath

–Vanya McElrath



God needed another voice in the choir, and he chose one of the best baritones that Morganton ever produced. He was family, and friend! My Prayers go up for his children Grandchildren and friends which I was lucky enough to be one! Rest well my friend!

—Charles McKesson

I've known Perry since 10th grade at Morganton High School!! Even then he filled the room! Perry had a beautiful voice, spirit and personality. He will be dearly missed by all his friends, classmates and especially family. May God be with each one of you, not only now but throughout the future as he would have wanted. His soul has returned home now, the place he looked forward to being. My prayers are with you.

—Janell Wakefield

To my dearest friend Belle, "earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." Sending my love & prayers to you & the entire Lattimore family. May God's love, & His Spirit encamp around you & give you peace that only He can give. He is our refuge & our strong tower in which we can run to for whatever we need. I love you my sister/friend...

—Rev. Valerie Jones



Sincerest condolences to the Lattimore family and friends.

—Greta Tate

Praying for the whole family. I knew Perry for a long time. A good person and

God has taken him home.

—Christine smith Smith

My condolences and sympathy goes out to Perry's family. I've known Perry my whole life since we were neighbors and childhood friends He was always pleasant and loving. Whenever we met we greeted each other with a hug because of our lifelong ties. His presence will always be missed. My prayers to the family as you lat to rest such a strong and yet gentle man of God.

—Belinda Thomas Vinson



My prayers are with Perry's entire family. Worked with Perry for many years at the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. Dr. Riddle and I enjoyed enjoyed his amazing musical talent which he share so freely with the Center, our residents and staff. An amazing man whose kindness and generosity made the world a much better place.

—Marsha Riddle



I knew you as a young man you were kind to me Rest in peace Perry Respectfully Kaye

—Sharon Kaye Parker



—Aisha Dew and Ruth Sloane

My sincerest sympathy to Phanta and her family, at the loss
of your father. My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with
each of you. Sandra Caldwell-Williams



—Linda Davis



Our prayers are with the family. May God comfort you all
during this time and give you peace in knowing that he is
with Him.

—Felicia& Christopher Corpening



So sorry to hear of Perry's passing. I grew up and lived about one block from
where Perry grew up and lived with his mom and dad. He contributed so much to
our community. He will be greatly missed. May his family know peace and
comfort. Rest in peace my friend.

—Doug Shepherd



—Vanya McElrath

Although I never met Perry, I saw him perform many times during my youth with the Mighty Gospel Enforcers. I loved his singing voice and enthusiasm for the Lord. Thinking of Perry and the other band member bring back memories of my

own dad and hope similar memories will help your family as you grieve the loss of a patriarch. May the Lord be with you and keep you.

I will truly miss Perry Lattimore and will always listen to the Anointing of Perry's Absolutely Awesome Gospel Music . My Sincere and Heartfelt Condolences To Family And Friends . Love You Very Much.

—Sandra L Bristol



Rest in the arms of Jesus my Steeler fan and friend. God needed you to sing in the heavenly choir where you are free from pain and enjoying a hallelujah good time every day. We will see you again! Much love!

—Stephanie H. And Stanley Berry



Sending prayers of condolences to our Pastor Lansden and the Lattimore Family & Friends. A special love to all of us... "Daddy's Girls".

—Marcia Purvis Bellamy

Please receive my heartfelt condolences. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are loved and covered in prayers.

—Ornella Umubyeyi



Sending heartfelt condolences. Wishing you peace during this difficult time



and difficult time.

—Andrea Rideaux Grimes

Condolences to the Lattimore Family from the Palmer Family in Atlanta.

—William R. Palmer



A family friend that was fun to be with any time. He and Lawrence played golf together, officiated football and shared a friendship of caring for each other. Perry sang the "LORDS PRAYER" like nobody else could. Always greeted you with a smile and sincere hello. The community will certainly miss him. LOVE to his children, wife and family. GOD BLESS

—loretta t. whiteside



Working with Perry was a wonderful experience. He was such a bright light and his smile always brightened up everyone's day. Prayers and sincere condolences to his family. Sing now my friend in that Choir you always loved.

—Sandy Davis



Sending prayers and hugs for you in this time of loss. May God comfort you along this journey. Treasure the memories. Debra Fleming, Doris Fleming, James Mathies and Erica Mathies

—Debra Fleming,



Our sincere condolences to Perry's family. He grew up in the same community as Diann. Oscar worked with his father Leonard at Western Carolina Center. God blessed him with a



Leonard at Western Carolina Center. God blessed him with a beautiful singing voice and he started singing as a child. He always had a smile when you met him. May God bless each

of you during this most difficult time in your lives. You remain in our most sincere prayers.



Fly High my Friend, our Memories made will always be Cherished!!

—Kevin Duckworth



Condolences to the family you have my prayers

—Juanita Rutherford



God bless you brother. Sing now with the greatest choir and praise God..

—Dina Stainbrook

I knew Perry for most of my adult life. He was one of a kind. He was everything his obit said and more. My sincere condolences to his family.

—Charles Conley

Our sincere thoughts and prayers for the family of Perry's passing. I worked with Perry many years at WCC and we thought the world of Perry!! Rest in Peace Perry

–Ernie and Gerri Hensley

You have my condolences.

–Jacqueline C. Kanipe