



Graylin Ryan Chapman

February 22, 1981 - April 29, 2024

Graylin Ryan Chapman, the youngest son to Kathleen Cash and Robert Chapman, Jr. was born on February 22, 1981, in Charleston, SC. From the very beginning, Ryan, as he was affectionately known to his relatives, was full of life, joy, and had one of the biggest hearts known among his community. Ryan's educational pursuits began in the Charleston County School District. When the family moved north of the city of Charleston, he enrolled in schools in the Dorchester County School District, eventually graduating from Summerville High School in 1999 where he played bass drum in the marching band. He matriculated at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC before serving in the Army National Guard where received an honorable discharge. Like no other, Ryan possessed a spirit of adventure. He could not and would not be limited on how much life he could see or experience. In the early 2000's, he left the comfort of his native Charleston, SC and moved to the city of Charlotte, NC. He would soon go on to make his final residence in the bustling Big

Apple,
New York City.

Over the years, “Graylin,” as he was known in the professional world, developed a penchant for retail store management. His knack for organization and leadership paved the way for him rise to major heights in companies like Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Brooklyn Industries, Macy’s (NYC), and his last place of employment Crate & Barrel. His devotion to elevating retail spaces was a remarkable talent with which he continued to elevate. At the time of his passing, he was studying Human Resources Management.

Ryan leaves to cherish the memory of his life: his loving parents, Kathleen Cash

(N. Charleston, SC) and Robert Chapman, Jr.(N. Charleston, SC); his brothers

Robert Chapman III (East Orange, NJ) and Ebon C. Chapman (N. Charleston, SC); one niece, Diamond Chapman; one goddaughter, Jurnee Simone Brown; his paternal grandmother, Mildred Chapman; maternal aunts and uncle:

Naomi

Collins, Verbenna Brown, and Eddie Cash; paternal aunts and uncle: Deborah Walker, Millicent Woods, Deborah Washington, and Darrell Chapman; a host of

cousins and his friend and mentor Michael Crumpler; second family: Lisa Torres

& Jose Torres, and many other friends and colleagues near and far from around the world.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memorial Park Cemetery

3715 Azalea Drive
North Charleston, SC 29405

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Francis Brown AME Church
9-11 Ashe Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Interment

MAY 20 (ET)

Riverview Memorial Park Cemetery
3715 Azalea Drive
North Charleston, SC 29405

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Jen R sent a virtual gift in memory of Graylin Ryan Chapman*



Jen R - June 08, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JR

“ *Jen R lit a candle in memory of Graylin Ryan Chapman*



Jen R - June 08, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JR

“ I am heartbroken at Graylin's passing. I have such a special place in my heart for him. He knew that. it gives me some solace to know that he was aware that i adored him. He had a light about him which outshone the sun. One could clearly feel it on an emotionally cloudy day. I've known Graylin for many years and saw him every morning. I would often send him messages in the am especially when he shared frustration and shame regarding his journey. I feel sad and a bit angry at his passing. Not at him. At the Universe for burdening him with pain he was unable in the end to shoulder. I wish his family lots of love. Knowing Graylin changed me. Not because i was in his inner circle but because his light was so bright it was impossible not to be transformed by it's energy. I will miss feeling his warmth and basking in that light. The world is a darker and colder place without him. That special place in my heart where he resides will always live on.

Jen R - June 08, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ I didn't know Graylin well but I didn't have to, to feel the impact his loss has had. That smile! Brighter than the sun. Sending my deepest and sincerest condolences to family and friends... in his honor I will continue to carry the message. Lots of love.

Symba McQueen - May 25, 2024 at 04:17 PM



“ Ebon,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this challenging time. Words cannot express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Your brother's spirit will always shine through you, and his memory will be a source of strength. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

The Management and Staff of Cambria Hotel Mt. Pleasant

Felicia Enoch - May 20, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Jasmine W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.

Jasmine W. - May 19, 2024 at 11:25 PM



“ From the Crate&Barrel Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.

From the Crate&Barrel Team - May 18, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ From the Crate&Barrel Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.



From the Crate&Barrel Team - May 18, 2024 at 07:11 PM

AW

“ Adriel W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.

Adriel W. - May 18, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.



May 18, 2024 at 11:03 AM

WO

“ Woullard/Davenports purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.



Woullard/Davenports - May 17, 2024 at 10:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.



May 17, 2024 at 09:51 PM

JL

“ *Jamelah Lemon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*

Jamelah Lemon - May 17, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*



May 17, 2024 at 07:05 PM

RR

“ *Ricki (Hoppes) Ross purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*



Ricki (Hoppes) Ross - May 17, 2024 at 06:10 PM

TL

“ *Thomas L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*

Thomas L. - May 17, 2024 at 02:24 PM

TB

“ *The Blackyard Collective Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*

The Blackyard Collective Board - May 17, 2024 at 02:07 PM

TB

“ *The Blackyard Collective Board purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*



The Blackyard Collective Board - May 17, 2024 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ *Jimmie S. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*



Jimmie S. - May 16, 2024 at 10:51 PM

DM

“ *D. Russell Barlow, II, Esq. & Mandy purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.*



D. Russell Barlow, II, Esq. & Mandy - May 16, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DM

“ D. Russell Barlow, II, Esq. & Mandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.

D. Russell Barlow, II, Esq. & Mandy - May 16, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DG

“ Diamond Green planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graylin Ryan Chapman.

Diamond Green - May 16, 2024 at 09:40 PM

DG

“ Diamond Green purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.



Diamond Green - May 16, 2024 at 09:40 PM

MF

“ Mildred Chapman & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Graylin Ryan Chapman.



Mildred Chapman & Family - May 16, 2024 at 02:46 PM

AC

“ I will miss you so much. The last time we saw one another was a year ago on my birthday. I really loved spending time with you. You are special to me and I will sadly miss you. Fly high my friend...



Anita Campbell - May 16, 2024 at 01:56 PM

SS

Condolences to the Chapman family. Graylan was a friend of my daughter. They were in the marching band together at Summerville High School.

Sandra Simpkins - May 19, 2024 at 09:08 PM