



## Rawlins Carrington Bray

February 12, 1988 - September 7, 2023

Rawlins Carrington Bray was born on Friday, February 12, 1988, in Albany, Georgia to Eric Newton and McKesia Bray.

Carrington received his formal education in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Newport News, Virginia. His love for high end fashion motivated him to further his education in New York City at New York State University (FIT) where he received his bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree from Parsons Paris School of Art & Design in Paris, France.

Carrington accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age while attending New Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hampton, Virginia where he was a member of the Youth Choir, Youth Ministry and Venture Crew.

On July 23, 2008, Carrington enlisted in the United States Army and served his country proudly with 7th Special Force Group at Eglin Air Force Base as a Military Intelligence Signal Voice Interceptor (Linguist). He completed two Combat tours of duty to Afghanistan and assignments to Germany and Colombia to name a few. He completed his time-of-service July 22, 2014.

Carrington was a lifelong student who taught himself several languages. He was fluent in writing and speaking Spanish, French, and Italian. Carrington loved music! In his leisure time, he taught himself to play the guitar and

keyboard. He enjoyed learning and traveling abroad. He completed an internship in 2017 with an Italian shoemaker and obtained a Master of Art in Paris, France in 2019.

Carrington was simply AMAZING! He had a kind spirit and an easy-going nature. He was highly intelligent, thoughtful, warm-hearted, lovable, courageous, interesting, fun, helpful and respectful.

He leaves to cherish his memory: His Parents, McKesia Bray Hester and Eric Newton (Tunisia); Stepfather, Patrick Hester; Sisters, Keiana Hester and Erica Newton; Grandparents, Arthur Frank Lumpkin, Gladys & John Hester and Betty Roberts; Uncles Arthur and Titorious Bray, Kenneth Mosley and Derick Newton; Aunts, Keshia Hutchinson, Carlinette Wimberley, Vickie and Sharlene Green, Cynthia Anderson, Queen Ann Lumpkin, Kay Frances McCray, Kristen Hester and Tammy Pope; and a host of cousins and friends.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service with live streaming**

SEP 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Rawlins Bray, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Rawlins Carrington Bray*



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**March Funeral Homes** - September 14, 2023 at 08:49 AM

HF

*Love you always: Big Daddy, Grandmother, Auntie Kris*

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**Hester Family** - September 19, 2023 at 03:01 PM

LM

“ *Loretta Moses lit a candle in memory of Rawlins Carrington Bray*



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**Loretta Moses** - October 22, 2024 at 05:25 PM

LM

“ It’s been quite some time since I last connected with the Hester Family. Today, I attempted to find McKesia’s email address via Global and was unsuccessful. After googling her name, I learned that she has remarried and that her Carrington passed away. I am deeply saddened by this news. I hold onto the hope that one day, our paths will cross again. Sending much love from the MOSES Family!

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**Loretta Moses** - October 22, 2024 at 05:23 PM

MH

“ McKesia Hester lit a candle in memory of Rawlins Carrington Bray



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**McKesia Hester** - September 29, 2023 at 11:46 PM

MM

“ I am heartbroken to learn of Rawlin's passing.

*When I first moved to Brooklyn in the Spring of 2016, Rawlins was just down the street from me. We spent the Spring running around the city: afternoons at museums, evenings with delicious dinners, nights out with friends. He was the first person to ever take me to Hermes, which he loved their scarves. Each time I've seen one since then I've always thought of him. When he left for Europe we kept in touch some over social media and promised to catch up the next time he was in New York.*

*As an artist he was a bit of a muse for me—shy, but trusting of me and my camera—and allowed me to capture one of my most loved photographs, "Rawlins Bray on Broadway" hugged in that gorgeous orange Hermes scarf, big beautiful smile. I'm happy to provide a printed copy to any of his family and friends, simply reach out to me via email ([montmaxton@gmail.com](mailto:montmaxton@gmail.com)).*

*I'll miss you, Rawlins. Thank you for all the laughs, love, good times, and for introducing me to so many great songs.*

*Love,  
Montgomery Maxton*



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**Montgomery Maxton** - September 22, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rawlins Carrington Bray.

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September 21, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rawlins Carrington Bray.*



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September 21, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ *Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Keeping you in prayer. God Bless.*

*Alfred, Brenda, Ciarra, & Sidra*

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**B. Brown-Morris** - September 20, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *My condolences go out to the family of the beloved Carrington. I remember this young man from birth and the times shared with he and his family. He was exceptional and brought joy to those that he connected with. His everlasting smile I will always remember and cherish!!*

*Continue to hold on to the memories that he leaves behind. God Bless.*

*Cedric Nelson and Family  
Chesterfield, Va.*

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**Cedric Nelson** - September 19, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Sending prayers 🙏 for you and your family of loss of your love one. I'll keep your family in my prayers 🙏*

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**Gloria Brown** - September 18, 2023 at 01:04 PM

LC

“ *Lillian Mayo and Frank & Bridget Chlorie purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Rawlins Carrington Bray.*



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**Lillian Mayo and Frank & Bridget Chlorie** - September 15, 2023 at 10:58 AM

LC

“ *Lillian Mayo and Frank & Bridget Chlorie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rawlins Carrington Bray.*

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**Lillian Mayo and Frank & Bridget Chlorie** - September 15, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 12, 2023 at 10:55 AM