A Celebration of the Life of

Daryl Leon Washington

September 1, 1964 – April 22, 2010



Thursday, April 29, 2010 11:00 a.m.

BETHESDA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

545 Clinton Avenue Newark, New Jersey 07108

Reverend Dr. Ahmed Screven, Officiating

Obituary

On September 1, 1964, **Daryl Leon Washington** was born in Charleston, South Carolina. He was the younger son of Nehemiah and the late Barbara Washington. Daryl attended kindergarten in Charleston, South Carolina. After his family relocated to New York, he started attending the public school system of New York City. Soon thereafter, the family settled in Irvington, New Jersey where he completed elementary, middle and high school there.

During his childhood Daryl acquired the nickname "Dawud" and his close friends and family affectionately called him by that name well into adulthood. He had a creative side that he expressed through drawing, reciting poems and playing musical instruments. In high school, Daryl and close friends started their own hip-hop group. In the family basement or in their third floor "studio" he and his friends spent countless hours spinning records and rapping to their own beats. They were among the first generation to experience the new genre of hip-hop music and turntablism.

After earning his high school diploma, Daryl chose to work with his father in the family owned business, LMD Express Trucking Service. He was very proud of wearing the blue uniform of the company and even prouder of working alongside his father. He was a very conscientious worker and his father observed that he had "a good head" for business. He maintained positive work ethics even after he left the family business. Daryl moved away from home to attend a trucking school in Charleston, South Carolina. Upon graduation from the school, he went to work briefly at UPS and P & E Mattress Company before returning to the family business.

In 1992, Daryl became the proud father of twin boys and with the help of his parents, he tried to be supportive of them. Daryl maintained a close relationship with his family; however, the relocation of his brother to Colorado and the subsequent death of his mother affected him greatly. His twins, nearby family, many friends and associates tried to help fill the void. During his last year of life, Daryl joined the Light of the Spirit Church in East Brunswick, New Jersey for spiritual support and guidance. He also sang in their church choir.

Daryl departed this life on April 22, 2010. He leaves to mourn and to cherish his memory: two sons, Devon and DeShaun; father, Nehemiah; one brother, Michael (Pamela) Washington; one stepbrother, Maurice Polite; godmother, Sadie Middleton; one niece, Megan Parrish; seven aunts; one extended aunt; three uncles; and a host of cousins and special friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament - John 14:1-10

Musical Selection

Poems Megan Parrish, Devon and DeShaun Washington

Obituary Stacy Parrish

Acknowledgements Bernadine Williams Shabazz

Remarks Family & Friends

Musical Selection

Final Viewing.....Funeral Director & Staff

Recessional

INTERMENT

Forest Green Park Cemetery Morganville, New Jersey

(please turn on headlights and hazards for cemetery procession.)

You have gone first and we've remained,
One thing we'll want to do, is
Walk slowly down that long, lone path
For soon we'll follow you.

We'll want to know each step you take
That we may walk the same.
For someday down that lonely road
Daryl, you'll hear us call your name.

Love, The Family

Acknowledgements

The family of **Daryl Washington** gratefully acknowledges your expression of love, support, kindness, comforting words and prayers during this time of great sadness.

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