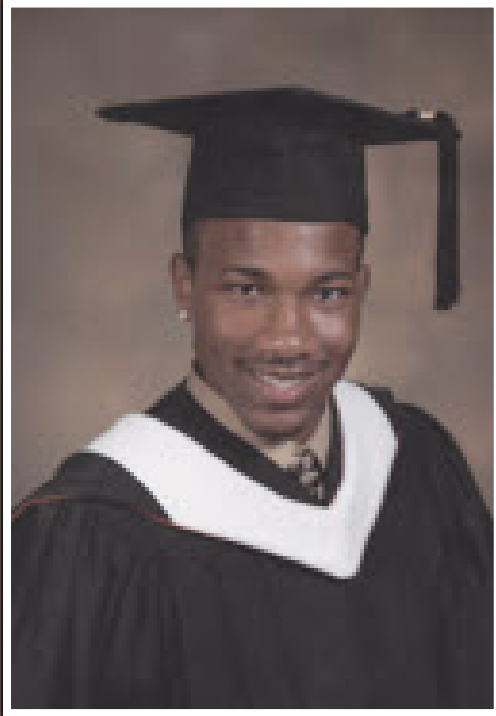


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Kareem Lamar Gilbert

Monday, August 30, 2010  
11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07112

## *Obituary*

**Kareem Lamar Gilbert** (aka) Reemie was born on February 5, 1984 to Eddie and Joan Gilbert.

He became a member of Jesus Only Apostolic Faith Church where he was baptized in the name of Jesus and received the Gift of the Holy Ghost at the age of nine years old. Kareem served as president of the Jr. Usher Board and the youth department. He was also a member of Jesus only choir. Kareem was faithful in the position that God appointed him in. Kareem had a love for gospel music, Kirk Franklin was his role model. Kareem was a respectful young man that touched everyone with his smile. Kareem love and memories will always be cherished by all.

Kareem leave to cherish his loving parents, Eddie and Joan Gilbert; his sisters, Catrina, Lakeisha and Camonica Gilbert; his brother, Eddie Jr. Aka Dooney; a special friend, Shawn Williams all of Newark; a loving grandmother, Daisy Gilbert of Cuthbert, GA; nieces and nephews, Deborah, Ja'hida, ZaZa, E'mani and Ziona, Charles, Darrain and Jihad Gilbert all of Newark; aunts and uncles, Brenda (Curry) Gilbert of Carteret, Sheri and (Willie) Gilbert of Somerset, Brenda (Johnny) Mayes of GA, Bernedett (Arelious) Mayes of Colorado, Katie Taylor of Carteret, Clinton Roy and Otha Gilbert of Newark, Carolyn Mayes and Daisy Tucker of Newark, Cheryl and John Gilbert of GA and Betty Parker of Jersey City; best friends, Tasha King, CoCo Johnson, Edna Michelle, Keisha Thomas and Cory Harris of Newark; godmother, Jamine Murphy; god-sister, Terri Glover; three god-brothers, Terrell Glover of Sumter, SC, Armad Holmes and William Battle of Newark; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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for Perfect Attendance for four consecutive years at Arts High School. June 10, 2002, Kareem received his second award in Tri M. Music Honor Society. June 2002, he also received the Edward J. Bloustein distinguished Scholar award in recognition for outstanding academic achievement, the Newark Branch NAACP Norman E. Theadgill Scholarship Award. June 14, 2002, Kareem received a certificate of completion for the upward bound program from Essex County College. June 26 he received his Newark Public School Diploma from Arts High School. August 8, 2002 Kareem was presented the Academic Achievement Award for Outstanding performances in the E.O.P. Summer program from Rider University. April 25, 2003, Kareem was awarded and presented the Black Student Union Award in recognition of Membership. On this same day he received participation award in Black History Month Gospel Fest. The spring and fall year of 2003 and 2004 Kareem. Kareem, also received a Certificate of Achievement for GPA of 3.0-4.0 for the Dean list at Rider University for Spring and Fall 2005. November 7, 2004, Kareem received the Omicron Delta Kappa Society Award. On April 21, 2005, Kareem received the National Honor Society in Psychology Psi Chi Award March 27, 2006, from the State of NJ Commission on Higher Education, Kareem was presented the Certificate of Academic Achievement Award. Rider University EOP presented Kareem with Certificate of Achievement for completion of his undergraduates Studies April 27, 2006, Kareem was presented the John Clemons Memorial Award of Merit for the graduating Senior of Rider University.

Love & Memories  
Will always be remembered with your Smile  
Mommy 8/30/2010

## *God's Garden*



God looked around His garden  
and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth.  
and saw Kareem's face.  
He put His arms around him  
and lifted him to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
For He only takes the best.

He knew Kareem was suffering,  
He knew he was in pain.  
He knew Kareem would never  
Get well upon this earth again  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills were hard to climb,  
so He closed Kareem eyes and whispered  
"Peace be Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose Kareem  
but he did not go alone,  
for part of us went with him  
the day God called Kareem home.



~Love Dooney, Trina, Keisha, Monica, Carolyn

### *Acknowledgement*

Eddie Joan and family gives thanks to everyone for  
attending the Homegoing of our love one.

K.L.G.

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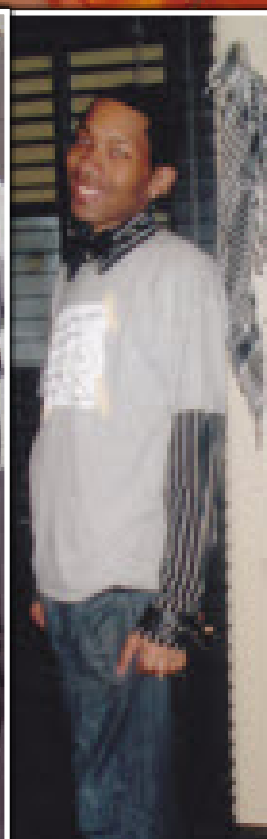
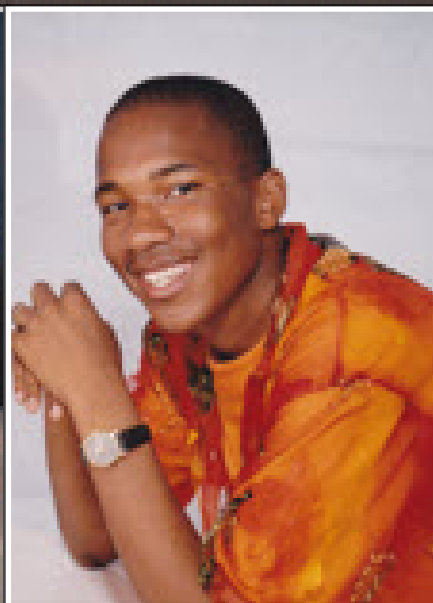
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Solo ..... Teirrah Neal  
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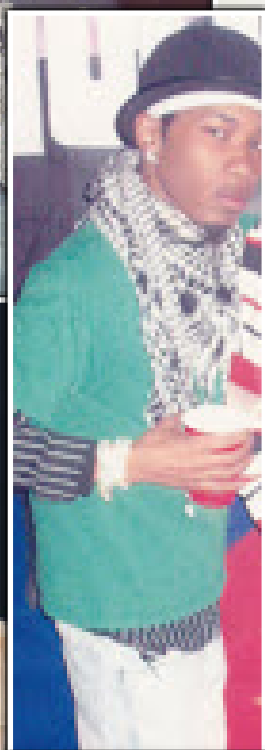
## **Interment**

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## The Biography and Education K.L.G.

**Kareem Lamar Gilbert** was born on February 5, 1984. He was given the name Kareem because of the admiration his parents had for basketball star Kareem Abdul Jabar. Kareem was a happy child with a beautiful smile always on his face. Even at a very young age, he was very competitive, always wanting to win. Kareem, at the age of four, thought that if his bath water didn't change color, then he wasn't dirty and didn't want to bathe. After so many spankings, he decided if he had to take his bath at night why not get dirty. He would go outside in the empty lot and waddle in dirt from head to feet; Mom would say to him "why did you waddle in that nasty dirt", he responded, "I want to bathe, I am dirty", everybody in the building then gave him the name "Caveman".

At five years of age Kareem attended Bragaw Avenue School and was later transferred to Avon Avenue School, where he studied hard and applied himself to the world of education, as his result he received multiple awards for academic and performances. He graduated from Avon Avenue School in June of 1998. In April of 1998, Kareem audition and was accepted for his talent in music at Arts High School. During the summer break of 1998, Kareem received a certificate of completion the 1998 UMDNJ pre college summer's program. September 1998 to May 2000 Kareem was preparing himself through his studies for the upcoming year of September 2000. In May 2001, Kareem received his first award (National Honor Society Award) based on Scholarship, leadership, services and character June 12th 2001 Kareem also received the Tri M. Music Honor Society Award. Kareem had a passion for music, it kept him zealous and focus on reaching a higher level. June 5, 2002, Kareem was presented with a certificate