

A portrait of Avery Cunningham, a man with a mustache wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. The background is a scenic view of a mountain peak under a blue sky with light clouds. The bottom of the image transitions into a sunset scene with a bright sun and silhouettes of trees.

Celebrating the Life of

Sunrise

September 11, 1959

Sunset

November 21, 2010

Avery Cunningham
“AC”

Service

Friday, December 3, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

GRACE CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

22-26 Haledon Ave.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Gregory Wilson, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Avery A. Cunningham, 51, was born on September 11, 1959 in Paterson, New Jersey the son of Avery and Florence Cunningham.

He attended the Passaic Public Schools and graduated from Passaic High School in 1977. He was an active member of the 12 Step Fellowship Program. Avery enjoyed his work as an entrepreneur in plumbing, heating and air conditioning. Later in life, Avery decided to relocate to Atlanta, Georgia where he continued his work as an entrepreneur. He was blessed by God with a heart of gold and was well known and loved by many in his community and will be truly missed.

He is preceded in death by step-father, Dinnis Jones, step-son, Miguel Antonio Pomales, brother, John Smith, sister, Lisa Rhone, paternal grandparents, David Cunningham and Adell Cunningham-Jones, maternal grandfather, Raymond Austin and step-grandfathers, Milton Jones and Carlton Payne.

He departed this life on Sunday, November 21, 2010.

Avery leaves to cherish his wonderful memories: his two beloved children, LaToya Cunningham and Avery Cunningham, Jr.; step-daughter, Maribel Arroyo Rivera; father, Avery T. Cunningham; mother, Florence Jones; four sisters, Patricia Johnson, Gwen Cunningham, Shirl Smith and Karla Fields. In addition to his immediate family he leaves a maternal grandmother, Dorothy Payne; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements/Reflections

Reading of Obituary

Selection

The Eulogy *Rev. Cedric McKoy*
Pastor, Beulah Grove Baptist Church • Newark, NJ

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey



He Wished No One A Last Farewell

*He wished no one a last farewell,
nor even said goodbye.
He was gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
They say time heals all sorrow,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far only proves
How much we miss him yet,
God gives us strength to face it,
And courage to bear the blow.
But what it meant to
“love” and lose him
No one will ever know.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow. May God bless and keep you.

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