



John Lawrence Mims, Jr.

*Sunrise* December 30, 1970 *Sunset* January 1, 2011

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Friday, January 14, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES 129 Engle Street • Englewood, NJ 07631 Pastor Wayne Davis, Officiating Bryant Crockett, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

**John Lawrence Mims, Jr.** was born on December 30, 1970 in Teaneck, New Jersey. He was the only cherished son of John Lawrence Mims, Sr. and Janie Louise Mims (both deceased).

John grew up in Teaneck and was very active in sports. He played in various baseball and basketball leagues in Teaneck as well as participating in various traveling leagues. He graduated from Teaneck High School in 1988.

He followed in his parent's footsteps and began his IT career at I.B.M. John went on to advance his career with a long tenure at Summit/Fleet Bank. He also indulged his passion of traveling by working part time as a travel consultant at Bermuda Star Line, Greyhound Travel Services and Liberty Travel.

John was hard working and a family man. He never missed an opportunity to spend time with all of us and take care of us. He dedicated many years to caring for his parents as they became ill in their later years. John was a strong advocate for all of the children whose lives were intertwined with his. Through his duties as a coach and mentor, he always stressed the importance of education and self respect.

John left this earth and joined his beloved parents on January 1, 2011.

He is survived by: his three sisters, Patricia, Angela and Johnata LaToya; his grandfather, Raymond Jennings, Sr.; his brothers-in-law, Winston, Adrian and Roy. He also leaves behind his treasures, his nephew, Tristan; his nieces, Jasmine and Ariana. John leaves to mourn countless friends and family who have comforted the family with wonderful memories of a man who was best described by one of his dearest friends, Wendy Costello, who summed him up by saying "John was an easy man to love."

Order of Service

**Processional** "I'm Not Afraid" - Fred Hammond

> **Invocation** Lord's Prayer

Musical Selection "Total Praise"

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

> **Obituary** Douglas Darby

Acknowledgements from Family

**Poem Selection** "Tomorrows Not Promised"

> **Eulogy** Pastor Wayne Davis

## **Reflections from Friends and Family**

**Recessional** "When The Chariots Come" - Brian McKnight

> Interment George Washington Memorial Park Paramus, New Jersey



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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