

<u>Obituary</u>

Lawrence was born in Jacksonville, Florida on October 1, 1981 to the late Chymaine Finney Padgett and Lawrence Padgett. Having a healthy appetite as a baby, he acquired the nickname "Fatman". Arriving in Newark, NJ as an infant, he resided with his maternal grandmother, Mattie Rose Finney Scott.

Fatman attended several Newark Public Elementary Schools, graduating from Bragaw Avenue School. He was super athletic, involved in many sports and on the Pop-Warner Football team where he won many trophies and was known to his fellow teammates as "Junkman".

As a small child, he was very interested in church and was baptized at Good Neighbor Baptist Church in Newark.

He attended Weequahic High School in Newark, NJ excelling in both basketball and football. Upon graduation from Weequahic, he furthered his educational course while pursuing his dream of football by attending the College of the Sequoias in California.

While living in California, he met Ashley Smith who became his fiance. The two shared years enjoying their lives together.

Fatmans' favorite things to do included playing football, basketball, video games, caring for pets (especially exotic ones), helping others, cooking and spending quality time with family and friends, celebrating holidays and special occasions and lets not forget what a great dancer he was!!

On January 16, 2011, Fatman transitioned from this life to join his parents Chymaine and Lawrence Padgett who preceded him in death. Although we all loved Fatman, God surely loved him best.

We are assured that he is now truly "free" from everything. He is gone to a much better place where there is no pain or sorrow.

Fatman leaves to cherish his memory: older brother, Hamad Finney whom he idolized and cherished; maternal grandmother, Mattie Finney Scott; beloved special and dear aunt, Gwendolyn Scott; godmother, Mildred Byrd; two beautiful nieces, Mia and Milan; a wonderful nephew, Hamad; Fatman took pride and responsibility in caring, mentoring and being a big brother figure to Sadiq Scott; aunts, Mildred Carelock, Marian Scott, Sheila, Eugenia and Lorraine Finney, Elizabeth Padgett and Lorraine (Tahirah) Finney; uncles, Edgar and Arthur Scott, Joseph and David Finney, Nathaniel Padgett and Michael Jones; cousins, Sedequa Scott, Najiah, Aaliyah, Erica, Miajjiah and April Finney, Nicole Thompson, Miata Lewis, Sakinah Thomas Jones, Majeedah Thomas and Najebah Jones, Jamillah Baggett, Chytara Scott, Marquis and Artemus Scott, Derrick Lampley, Yusuf Rollins, Salah Ramseur, Murad Jones and Shay Barnes; a dear friend, Simone Stewart; and a host of other family members and friends who truly loved Fatman, especially his crew, Tajuan "Mu Mu" Miles, Ike Anneli, Lawrence and Joshua Younger, Rafik "Mook" Barron, Thomas Johnson, Shaheem Smith, Pierre Mitchell, Irving Brown, Curtis Wharton and Willie Clay Jones. Special thanks to his coach and mentors, Mr. and Mrs. Nolley.

Order of Service

Processional
Clergy, Leadership & The Family

Selection
Dionne Finney

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Minister Jermaine Eaddy

Expressions

Musical Selection
Darnell Cartwright

Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Reading of Obituary
Amina Breeden

Special Reflections & Tribute

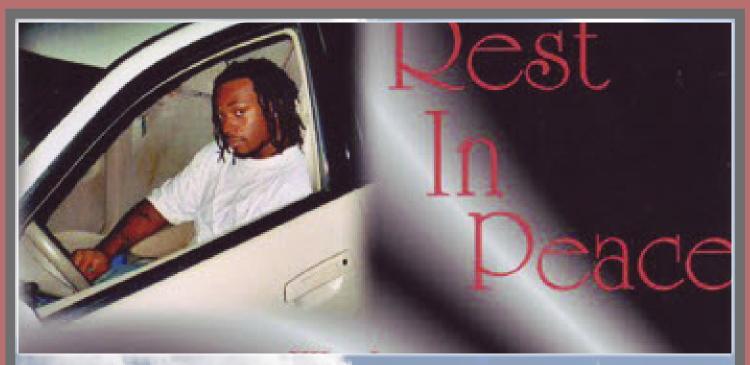
Musical Selection
Margaret Clark
The Eulogy

Pastor Jerry Smith

Recessional
Clergy, Leadership & Family

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Family request everyone to join them for the repast immediately following the interment at the church.



We Love & Miss You "Fatman"



<u>Acknowledgement</u>

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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