

<u>Obituary</u>

A Star was born on December 5, 1981 to Michelle Denise Griffin & Darnell Mitchell and they named him **Darnell Lamont**. Born in Harlem Hospital, attended Public School 33, Middle School 197 and started his journey in the arts in both Talented Unlimited specialized High School and the High School for Professional Performing Arts. He would later attend The College of New Rochelle for higher education.

Darnell (better known as) Dee, Dippy Donnie was truly a special person to so many people. He was "Born to Dance" Donnie from young would hold his own talent shows with or without an audience. Darnell would be the child that everyone thought was here before because of his mannerism. Donnie was the child who was asked to dance at family BBQ's. He was more than willing to entertain and could put together a routine on the spot. Michelle would say," My baby is an entertainer" and knew how to dance before any formal training took place. Darnell had a flair for fashion and could create a new outfit from an old one with a pair of scissors...LOL.. (He got that honestly, his mom and auntie could create runway fashion with scissors as well) smile.

Darnell was a beautiful spirit. Being born under the zodiac sign of Sagittarian he couldn't help sometimes if he said out of his mouth, what should have stayed in his head. It's the Sagittarian arrow tongue syndrome. LOL... if he was wrong after cussing and fussing you out, he would be big enough to apologize in his antique Darnell, Dippy Dee, Donnie way. If you loved him, you would have to forgive him...(smile)

Kourtney, the baby boy of five children would be Darnell's biggest cheerleader. If anyone needed an example of brotherly love, the perfect example would be Kourtney and Darnell. Yes, they fussed, disagreed and borrowed each others clothes without permission as siblings do, but at the end of the day, they were brothers. Kourtney would go the extra mile for Darnell. When you honor people while they live, you have no regrets...you were an outstanding brother and Donnie says: "I love you more..... Kourt..." (smile)

Darnell with his amazing talent would enter numerous talent competitions. One of the first competitions would be "The All Stars Talent Network" Darnell, Walter, Kasha and Jasmine with Grandma Bullock as manager entered the All Stars. It would be the beginning of a phenomenal journey. Darnell met hundreds of friends who are now considered extended family. Darnell was truly committed to his passion; he would search The Back Stage Newspaper for different opportunities to audition. Darnell would audition and he'd receive the congratulation phone call each time. Darnell's professional career ranges from Dance Chorographer, dancer, actor, and singer. He has worked with countless artists: Little Mama, Ashanti, 702, Devine, Mario and Little Eddie to name a few. He's traveled extensively in and out the country in the name of his passion. In 29 brief years, Darnell was blessed to have multiple opportunities to live out his dream...to perform and teach what he loved....Dance. In his brief time on this plane, he fulfilled many goals and for that we are grateful. God, we thank you for our precious Donnie. We know he resides with you now and he has chosen the suite closest to yours. When he arrived I could imagine him saying, "Alright, You better recognize.." LOL this is Niceeeeee.

Darnell leaves to cherish his memory: his loving mother, Michelle Griffin; his father, Darnell Mitchell; three brothers, Dameine, Kimora and Kourtney; one sister, Daicell; maternal grandmother, Carol D. Bullock; grandfather, Raymond Bullock; paternal grandmother, Kathleen Taylor; one aunt, Robin; four uncles, Melvin, Raymond, Wadell and Marcell; a host of cousins, relatives, Ron and hundreds of cherished friends he enjoyed spending time with....I dare not attempt to name each cherished friend by name it is far too many.. and I wouldn't want to leave anyone out... so please know that if he called you, spent time with you, your SPECIAL, if he danced with you, sang a song with you, hung out with you, took a trip with you, your SPECIAL,... if he extended an invitation to you or accepted one from you, your SPECIAL.... If he cooked for you or you for him, if he stayed over your house or you at his.....your SPECIAL and you should hold tight to your memories and always keep him in your heart.

Lovingly submitted: Auntie Rah Rah

I Love you

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional Selection Scripture Prayer Selection Acknowledgements Remarks Obituary Eulogy Selection Committal Viewing **Interment** Forest Green Memorial Park Cemetery Morganville, New Jersey



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, ves 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!

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