



Poem by daughter, Aaliyah 

Since the last time I saw you, you were in a hospital bed which was just last weekend it hurt me so to see you like that because I thought my dad never got sick or anything else common, now I have nothing but remembrance and siblings you brought us all to know. If you are listening on what I am saying then you understand what I mean. He was the best father anyone could have, if he did screw up sometimes he always had time to talk to me and just chill with me somewhere. Since the last time I saw you, you was very sick and shut in that you couldn't even speak but it didn't matter I did all the speaking. Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens. Farewell! God knows when we shall meet again as William Shakespeare once quoted. Since the last time I saw you we were very close and nothing is going to stop that not even death.

Acknowledgements

The family of Gerard "Ali" Spruill would like to extend their heart felt thanks and gratitude for your expressions of love and care in this time of bereavement. We thank you so much for your prayers and your acts of kindness.

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*Home Going For*



*Gerard Dwight Spruill*  
"Ali"

Arrival  
January 9, 1969

Departure  
June 13, 2011

Friday, June 17, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

**HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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## Reflections of Life

**Gerard Dwight Spruill** a.k.a. **Ali**, was born January 9, 1969 to Michael (Fatir) Franklin and Marcia Yvonne Spruill.

Gerard was born and raised in Newark, NJ, educated in the Newark School System - Peshine Avenue School, graduating 1983 and Weequahic High School, graduating 1987.

Gerard was a true athlete playing Pop Warner Football and on the Football Team of Weequahic High School. When the family relocated, being one of the first families to live in the then newly developed Carmel Towers, 440 Elizabeth Avenue, Newark, Gerard studied karate under Sensei Gene Goldstein with the 440 Club receiving many trophies and awards.

When Gerard graduated High School, his first job was at the Garden State Business Machines Company as a Delivery Attendant and was able to buy his first car-a white Suzuki Samurai. Gerard's passion was his vehicles-the need for speed-Motor Cycles and Jeeps.

Gerard pursued a career in the Culinary Arts. He also worked as a Taxi Dispatcher with Unique Security Services Company. As an Entrepreneur, Gerard owned his own Landscaping business. His last career move was as an Orderly at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, NY. Many acknowledged his great work ethic and contributions to the Hospital.

Gerard was known for his great sense of humor, his big heart and his expressions of love for his friends and family by being very protective of them - being the "Littlest Bully", "Poofing" and carrying a "Mighty Blow".

Gerard is the Creator / Originator of Community Nicknames for many people; names that stuck with friends and family throughout their entire lives. i.e. Grandma Dynamite, ReRe, Mouse, Betus, just to name a few.

Gerard leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Michael (Fatir) Sr. and Marcia Yvonne; five children, Jihad Timothy (Linette), Christina Nicole, Jaquan Ali, Aaliyah Yvonne and Taliyah Taleijah; two grandchildren, Emani Monay and Se'maj Amore; three brothers, Darryl, Michael Jr. and Rashid; two godbrothers, Alexander and Arthur Delbert; his godparents, Arthur & Ethel Taylor; two aunts, La Verne Pamela and Darlene Glenda (Lonnie); four nieces, Fallon, Emani, Tiara and Tajmirah; two nephews, Cody and Kyree; two great nieces, Kemora and Keniyah; one great, great uncle, Louis Butler and a host of first and second cousins, and friends.

## Order of Service

General Viewing

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Acknowledgement of Condolences and Resolutions

Expressions of Love / Reflections – 2 Minutes

Poetic Readings

Solo

Obituary Reading

Eulogy ..... Pastor Barbara Glanton, Officiating  
*Love of Jesus Family Church, Newark, NJ*

Recessional

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*Saturday, June 18, 2011 - 10:30 a.m. ... Janazah Service  
@ Perry Funeral Home 34 Mercer Street, Newark, NJ*

### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

***Repast will be held Saturday, June 18, 2011 1:00 p.m. at  
Hopewell Baptist Church  
17 Muhammad Ali Avenue, Newark, NJ***

