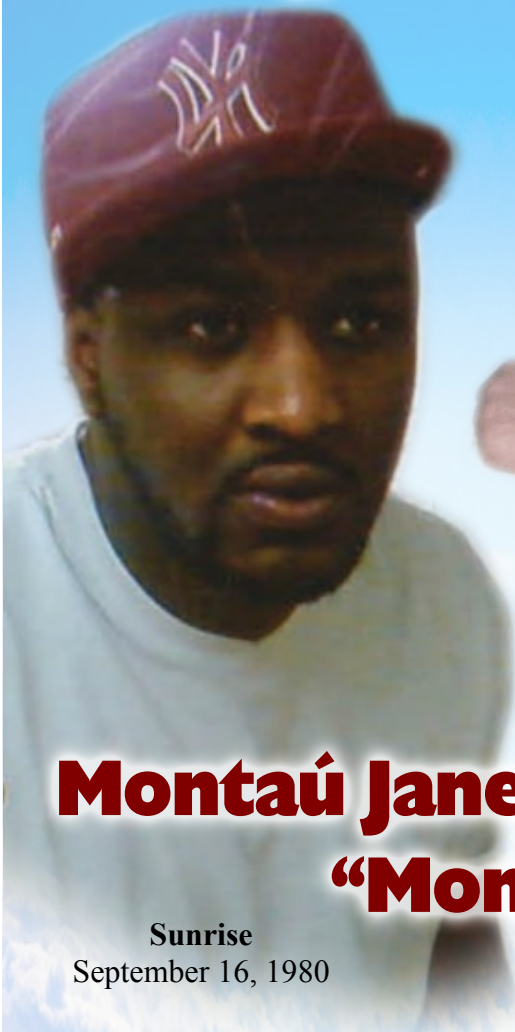


**Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
Of**



**Montau Janell McCloud
“Monty”**

Sunrise
September 16, 1980

Sunset
November 10, 2011

Service

Thursday, November 17, 2011 – 11:00 am

First Baptist Church

929 Dill Avenue
Linden, NJ 07036

Rev. Derrick R. Dumas, Pastor

Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Officiating

Life Reflections

Montaú Janell McCloud was born on September 16, 1980 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, son of Daphne Elaine Griffin and Jeffrey McCloud. He was raised in Linden, New Jersey and graduated from Linden High School in the Class of 1999. **Monty**, as he was called by family and friends, was an excellent basketball player. During his time in high school, he played and excelled on the Linden Varsity Basketball team as Number 33 under Coach Colicchio. He also played basketball on the Newark Ram Athletic AAU team. The team traveled to New York, Ohio, and Colorado and competed against some of the best players in the nation. From the age of thirteen through seventeen he received attention from many Scouts and college coaches for his versatile style of play, his soft touch while shooting from long range and strong work on the backboards. **Monty** played both positions center and forward on the basketball teams. He attended Union County College in Cranford and while there he played on the basketball team.

Monty was a self-employed truck driver having obtained his CDL license. His goal was to eventually purchase his own truck. He was also employed as a Car Salesman in the tri-state area.

Monty was baptized at the age of 18 at Bethlehem Community Church in East Orange, New Jersey under the leadership of Bishop Leo C. Smith.

Monty enjoyed cooking for his family and watching and playing basketball in MLK Memorial Park also known as Fourth Ward Park in Linden. In his spare time, he could be found rapping in the Music studio. He enjoyed being around his children and adored his Nana, Lois McCloud. He was loved by everyone in the community and will truly be missed by his family and friends.

Monty was predeceased by his grandfather, George “Pop Pop” McCloud in 2007.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Daphne Elaine Griffin; his dad, Jeffrey Felix McCloud and step-mother, Norma; two children, Kamyya McCloud and Jeremiah Noble; four sisters, Tanya Green, Ashlee, Candice and Sydney McCloud; grandmother, Lois McCloud; four aunts, Regina McCloud, Natasha and Nicole Collins, and Aretha Meekins; one nephew, Donte Green; and a host of loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family

Order Of Service

Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Officiating

- Musical Prelude Frances Thompson
- Opening Hymn
- Scriptures
Old Testament
New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort Deacon Albert Myers
- Solo “I Won’t Complain” Anthony Fuller
- Acknowledgement and Condolences Dawn Hudson Bennett
- Reading of the Obituary
and Poem Reading Dawn Hudson Bennett
- Tribute Brenda Harris
- Solo “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” Angela McCloud
- Eulogy Bishop Wayne L. Johnson
Pastor, Bibleway Deliverance Center • Roselle, New Jersey
- Recessional Precious Memories

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com

“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”

Pall Bearers
Family and Friends of **Montaú Janell McCloud**

AFTERGLOW

When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve for me if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home."

Acknowledgement

The family of **Montaú Janell McCloud** acknowledges with deepest appreciation to each one of you who shown deeds of kindness, thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. May God continue to bless you.