

Anthony M. Spean, Sr.

a.k.a.

AP - Jack

Sunrise August 25, 1955

Sunset December 6, 2011

Service

Saturday, December 17, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue New York, New York 10027

Obituary

Where it pleased Almighty God to call to his eternal rest, our beloved father, **Anthony Merritt Speas, Sr.** on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. He willingly accepted his call with Anticipation of going home....

Anthony Merritt Speas, Sr. was born on August 25, 1955 to the late Mr. Steven Adams and the late Pluma M. Speas.

He was educated in NYC public school system (P.S. 133 and I.S. 201) he also attended Brandeis Annex and Harlem Prep, where he played basketball. Anthony continued his education at Delaware Tech and Brandeis University in Manitoba, Canada. He received his Associate Degree in Psychology.

Anthony then went on to receive numerous Scholarships to play Basketball in South America (Bogota, Columbia). Anthony had a love for basketball, he was known on the courts as "AP Jack". He would get the crowd all geared up for the Famous Back Board High Jumping Slam Dunk in AP Jack's Voice "Tear the back board DOOWWN."

He played in many tournaments in and out of the five boroughs. His other passion was the entertainment business, promoting parties. He loved to dress himself and his "Brothers" in his back in the day voice, they were "Fly."

Anthony "AP Jack's" life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him, understood that the quality of existence FAR EXCEEDS the quantity of time in which one lives, his gentle smile, his laughter, and his jokes brought so much joy to so many.

The family rejoices in the knowledge that Anthony "AP JACK" is playing basketball in heaven with his mother and father, along with his Aunt Florence and Uncle Charles.

Anthony leaves to cherish his memory: his only son, Anthony M. Speas Jr.; two daughters, Simone E. Speas and Myisha S. Speas; five grandchildren, Zanieah, Travis, Anthony III, Zavion and Princess Aliyah; two cousins, Steve Kershaw and Diane Faison; his aunt, Irma "Jazz" Smallwood and Beloved Companion, Nell Watson.

Love

You know happiness is the conviction that we all love in spite of ourselves. By the way love is sharing a part of yourself with others.

Are you aware that nothing beats love at first sight, except love with insight? Love does not KEEP A RECORD OF SINS AND FAILURES OF OTHERS.

Incidentally, Love is more easily demonstrated than defined.

Everything in the home runs smoothly when love oils the machinery.

Would not life be better?

If we loved others as we loved ourselves

Bear in mind that the love God has for us is a fabric that never fades. No matter how often it is washed in water of problems and pains.

Thank God For Love because Love Is Life and Life Is Love.

To Anthony M. Speas Sr.

~ From. Your Children's Mother ~

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 100 New Testament - John 14: 1-6

Reflections Family & Friends

Reading of the Obituary Lois Hewitt

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Parting Glimpse

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

Following the interment, family and friends are invited to the repast at:

1420 Amsterdam Avenue

Tenant Room

Ground Fl.

When tomorrow starts without him,
Please try to understand,
That an Angel came and called his name
And took him by the hand.

And said his place was ready In heaven far above And that he would have to leave behind, Those he dearly Love.

But as he turned to walk away,
A tear fell from his eye
For all his life he'd always thought
He didn't want to die.

So when tomorrow comes without him,
Don't think we're far apart
For over time you'll think of him
Right here by your side
And in your heart.

~ Lovingly submitted to my children From Your Mother



<u>Acknowledgement</u>

We, the family want to express our **Sincere Appreciation** for the tremendous acts of Love and Kindness each of you have shown us during our time of bereavement.

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