



In Loving Memory of
David Benedict King

Sunrise
April 3, 1952

Sunset
January 17, 2012

Home Going Service

Monday, January 23, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

525 Bramhall Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey

Reverend Nolan Doby, Pastor

Obituary

Honoring The Life of David B. King



David B. King was born to Gerard J. and Ruth C. King in Jersey City, NJ at the Margret Hague Hospital on April 3, 1952 and transitioned from this earthly realm on January 17, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Wayne, NJ.

On June 18, 1977, David married Deborah Walker and of this union two children, Rahsaan David and Christine Raashida, were born.

David attended and graduated from Marist High School in 1969 where he played three years of varsity football and was one of two African American students to attend Marist at that time. David was the first in Marist history to score a touchdown as a defensive player. Making the top all county team, and constantly being recognized in the sports section of the *Jersey Journal* as a team leader going against the odds, his jersey #60 was retired at the end of his high school career. He then attended Rutgers University in Newark, NJ and graduated with a B.A. in History/Education. He loved history, poetry and football, his favorite poet was Edgar A. Guest, and his favorite football team is the New York Giants.



David served a combined twenty years as a reservist in both the United States Marines and the United States Navy. He worked for a short period of time as a columnist for the *New York Times* in New York City. Furthermore, his service as a teacher working with the Jersey City Board Of Education was one of commitment and dedication. He had a passion for teaching others the value of education, getting a job, and serving community. He took interest in correcting grammar and pronunciation especially in his children and grandchildren.



David worked and had a 34-year long career in various positions with New Jersey Transit. Faithfully providing and caring for his family, while serving his community (if you didn't have enough money for a ticket he would give you money from his own pocket.)

David was preceded in death by his mother Ruth and father Gerard Sr. He is survived by: his wife, Deborah; an older brother and younger sister; his two children, Rashaan and Christine (Nache); four grandchildren, Malik, Nyobi, Noah and Gavin; one aunt, Mary; and a host of in-laws, nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Today we cheer David our loving father and friend on knowing that he has passed through the barriers of life. He is now at rest with our Savior after faithfully being a servant in admiration for 59 years. We don't know when or how things might turn out for us, what valleys or hills we are going to have to climb, but David loved and lived life with pride respect, integrity, determination, and enthusiasm which he is passing on to all of us.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

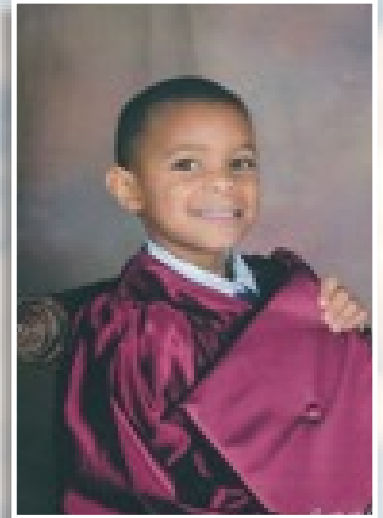
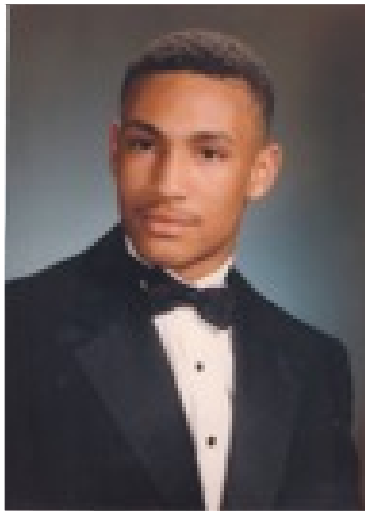
Musical Selection

Acknowledgment of Condolences

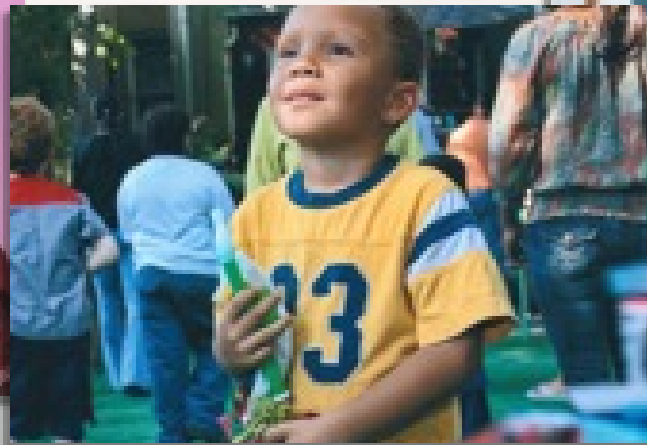
Reading of Obituary

Eulogy

Recessional



CREMATION
Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey



An Ole Man With Something to Smile About

*Went to the park, 'other day
Saw old man breathing deep, big smile
on his creased face.*

*Asked him the time. Offered him wine.
Bothus agreed, 'day was kind.*

*Went to the park, 'other day
Listened to old man breathing deep, big
smile on his creased face.*

*Listened to his wedding band solo against the sun -
like a coyote that's lost a mate.*

*Went to the park, 'other day
Saw old man breathing deep, big smile on his creased face.
Understood him to be a man of simple tastes,
Understood his smiling face,
But only after the pretty young lady
in delicate lace embraced him
and kissed his aged face.*

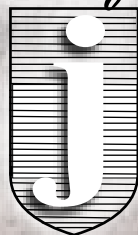
~ by David King

Acknowledgements

*The family of the late **David Benedict King** wishes to
express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness
and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.*

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