

Homegoing Service for



McArthur Kleckley

August 11, 1944 - June 26, 2012

Thursday, July 5, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

WOODY “HOME FOR SERVICES”

*163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050*

Obituary

McArthur Kleckley was born on August 11, 1944 in Valdosta, GA to the late Mr. and Mrs. William and Madell Kleckley. The family moved to Jacksonville, FL when he was just a young child. He attended Darnell Cookman Elementary School. During the summer, his mother had him involved in several activities; more specifically, swimming at the Jefferson Street Pool. He was a fast learner and was selected as a member of the swim team; where he excelled. He was also involved in the Boy Scouts and of course he had to attend Sunday School, every Sunday. He went on to Junior High School and Vocational High School where he played football.

Lovingly know as Mac, Uncle Mac, Brother Rajohn, Ock, or Ock-key, he was very well known from State to State. He was an entrepreneur by trade. He fell in love with owning his own business at the age of 8 in Jacksonville, FL. There was a blind man named Mr. White that pushed a cart throughout the neighborhood, selling everything from ice cream & hot dogs to pickles & soda. Mac went to Mr. White one day and asked if he could work with him? Mac wanted to help Mr. White so that he would know how much money was given to him. Mr. White told Mac to get permission from his mom, he did. Mac got his first job at 8 years old! That experience stayed with him his entire life and helped mold him into a successful entrepreneur. Mac also worked for his father's landscaping business and catering business which taught him how to be a successful business man.. After moving to Harlem, NY in the late 1960's, he worked various jobs, including at the legendary Apollo Theater. He then began selling clothing and later migrated to New Jersey. Once in New Jersey, Mac's entrepreneur spirit blossomed! He opened his first store in Newark, NJ called "The Net Shop." He later had a lunch truck called "Halal Mobile." He also had a store called "French Connection" on Orange Road in Montclair, NJ. In addition to owning his own businesses, you could always find Mac at a festival or special event as a vendor. He would travel from Boston, MA to Miami, FL; from Chicago, IL, to the Kentucky Derby, if it was happening; Mac was there! His motto was "Scared Money, Don't Make No Money!" Mac was an AWESOME salesman. Even if you weren't looking to buy anything; when you walked away from Mac, you ALWAYS purchased something. His slogan was "my prices are so low, you can walk on them!" He was born to be an entrepreneur!

Mac was quite humorous and oftentimes the star of any family function. He continuously tried to inspire his children, his siblings, nephews, nieces, peers and others. Mac was raised as a Christian by his parents, but became a Muslim in the late 1960's while in Harlem. NY. Mac recommitted himself to Christ, before being called home.

Mac was very outgoing; he enjoyed taking long rides to no known destination. He also enjoyed day trips to Atlantic City. At the time of his illness, he had just returned to school to improve his reading and writing skills. He loved his family tremendously and his family loved him back.

Mac was preceded in death by his life-partner, the late Ms. Sheila Diane Hall (2003) with whom he shared over 35 years and loved dearly. Mac was also preceded in death by his adoring parents, the late Mr. William A. Kleckley, Sr. (1982) and Mrs. Madell Kleckley (2003) and his loving brother, the late Mr. Glenn Kleckley, Sr. (1981). Mac leaves to cherish his memory, his half-sister, Mrs. Mertis Varner (Olen), his half-brother Mr. William A. Kleckley, Jr.; his loving sister's; Mrs. Dorothy Sales (Robert), Mrs. Phyllis Kleckley-Ellis (Ronald), and Mrs. Lenora Kleckley-Hurdle (James, Sr.).

Mac also leaves his loving children; Mr. Michael Gant (Stephanie), Mr. Tommy Hogan, Mrs. Sonia Mayweather (Carl), Ms. Yolanda Johnson (Randolph), Mr. Rajahn Kleckley, Mr. Hasan Kleckley (Marlo), Ms. Shawn Jackson (Jermaine), and Ms. Shakir Hall (Marcus Arnold). In addition Mac has 26 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, a host of cousins, nephews and nieces with whom he was extremely close with.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

InvocationRev. Walter A. Dukes

Scripture

Old Testament - Isaiah 41:10,13Mr. James T. Hurdle, II

New Testament - Philippians 1:20-23Mr. Leonard Robinson, Jr.

Selection “I Won’t Complain” Ms. Imani Alexander

Acknowledgements of Cards

and CondolencesMs. Syreeta J. Hurdle

Praise Dance..... Ms. Janae Lewis-Johnson

Scripture

Old Testament (Psalms 28: 1-9)

and Prayer for Family HealingMr. Glenn E. Alexander, Jr.

Selection “His Eye is on the Sparrow” Ms. Imani Alexander

RemarksFamily and Friends

ObituaryMs. Wendy Kleckley

Selection “I’ll Be With You” Mr. Lance Alexander

EulogyRev. Walter A. Dukes

Recessional

Interment

*Rosedale Cemetery
Montclair, NJ 07042*

*Family and friends are invited for a repast at the
Montclair Community Women’s Circle
33 Woodland Ave. • Montclair, NJ 07042*

This Too Shall Pass

*When your burdens are many
And your heart is heavy
And you doubt your strength can last,
Reach up, and hold tight to the Giver of Life.
And know, this too shall pass.
Oft' times we are laden
With trials and sorrows
That seem to come all too fast.
Reach up, hold tight to the
Giver of Life. And know, this too shall pass.
When doubts and worries plague your soul.
And your problems are all too vast,
Reach up, hold tight to the Giver of Life
and know this too shall pass.
When your faith is tested.
And pain is so great
And depression you can't seem to cast
Reach up, hold tight to the Giver of Life.
And know this too shall pass.*

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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