A Celebration of Life of

Deshon L. Johnson

Sunrise March 5, 1990 Sunset July 18, 2012

Wednesday, July 25, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH EAST CAMPUS 68 Church Street • Montclair, New Jersey

Pastor Ron Gonzalez, Officiating

Deshon's Biography

Deshon L. Johnson was born March 5, 1990 in Newark, New Jersey to Naomi Johnson.

Deshon was raised in East Orange, New Jersey the only child of Naomi Johnson. During his middle school years Deshon joined the chorus, drama class and art club in sixth, seventh and eighth grade. In sixth grade his artwork was on display in the Montclair Museum for a week.

Later on, Deshon and his mother moved to Montclair, where he was in the Honor Society, on the wrestling team and studied basic Law in high school.

After his mother's horrific car accident Deshon stayed close to home and enrolled in Kean University, majoring in Business Finance. Due to the economy and financial hardships, Deshon left Kean University and began attending Essex County College in West Caldwell to study Business Finance. Deshon spent his summer months working as a Jr. Counselor at a summer camp and going on TV commercial auditions. His god-mother exposed him to every talent agency she knew.

This talented young man spent his time writing, rapping and recording in the studio between his college studies and occasionally drew illustrations for his mother's book. You can listen to his music on YouTube and other sites.

His inspiration was to have a twofold career. He aspired to be a singer, rapper, artist and writer while pursuing a college degree in which he knew education and faith would be the tools to his success. Through his belief in his faith, ambition, motivation, determination and his mother's and family's support, he knew he would make it in life. Deshon gained faith through the word of God by attending Oasis Christian Center (Rahway) and Christ Church (Montclair).

Deshon entered into eternal life on Wednesday, July 18, 2012. He joins in his resting place his great-grandmother, Evelyn (Everlena) Timmons and his uncle Eugene R. Bufford Jr.

Deshon L. Johnson leaves to cherish his memory: his mother Naomi Johnson; his grandmother, Mamie L. Timmons (Arizona); his aunts, Antoinette Johnson-Burrows, Renee Johnson-Burnett (Melvyn) and Gladys Tharrington (Bruce) (Arizona); his uncles, Leon Eaddy, Ezra Timmons Sr. (Liz) (North Carolina) and Lamar Timmons Sr.; cousins, Hamid Burnett, Brenee L. Johnson (North Carolina), Gerral Ingram, Marquise Burrows, Lamar Timmons Jr., Lamont Timmons, Ezra Timmons Jr. (North Carolina), Anthony Tharrington (Arizona), Yolanda Tharrington (Arizona), Pamela Timmons (North Carolina), Lorraine Timmons (North Carolina), Matthew V. Gousse, Theo William, James Little and other close cousins, his god-mother, Desheca Copeland; his god-brother, Zaire Copeland. He also leaves behind strong male figures, Charles, Carnell (North Carolina) in addition a long time family friend, Ron. Deshon was also honored to have Billy, a woman in his life who supported him like a mother and close friends, Donte, Joel; and a host of family and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Musical Prelude
Processional
Prayer of ComfortRon Gonzalez
Song of Praise
Scripture Reading Wayne & Susan New Kirk Old Testament New Testament
Personal Reflections Montclair Deputy Mayor Robert J. Russo
Selection
Acknowledgement Desheca Copeland
Remarks (2 minutes please)
Obituary Sakeena Gaskin
Reading the Mother's Love Poem Alicia Williams
Poem Reading Kalita Cox
Selection
Eulogy Pastor Ron Gonzalez
Benediction Pastor Ron Gonzalez
Recessional

Interment Rosedale Cemetery Montclair, New Jersey

Mother's Love

Draped in my affection safe and sound protecting you from things that might get you down.

Hurling through life's obstacles may be tough to get around, but my maternal spiritual guidance will not leave you confound. It will build you words of wisdom that will be profound, it will help you get out of any negative rebounds.

My prayers of peace will resound through your soul and stay. So take my heartfelt expressions and treasure them every day.

Then you will see my advice would not lead you astray. You are a precious gift from the heavenly sky and my unconditional love for you will never die.

When you live your life on trial and error, keep in mind my motherly devotion for you is forever.

No matter what, I will always be here for you with my eternal love, regardless; if I am on earth or in the heavens above. With Love, from your mother!

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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