



Celebration of Life for

Walter Woodson Jr.

Sunrise
March 3, 1961

Sunset
January 1, 2013

For My Husband

My love- it doesn't matter where you go in life, what you do or how much you have it is who you have beside you and it is you who has been by my side for over 30 beautiful years. Please know that as long as I breathe you breathe and your spirit will exist within my heart forever. Although we were kids when we met as your wife we have journeyed through a wonderful life together. I am forever grateful as you have played a great part in my development as the woman I am today. My love I will be strong for you this day even though my heart is broken. Behind my smile will always be sadness for I will be without you, my husband, lover and best friend. As I look at our three young men I will always know that you exist within them as well. What a journey we have had! Rest in peace

- your wife, Yolanda James Woodson



Order of Service

Saturday, January 5, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

Reaching Out For Jesus Christian Center

1890 Route 209 • Brodheadsville, PA

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Pearman, Officiating

Processional

Prayer Of Comfort

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

New Testament

Praise Dance

Acknowledgements

Praise Dance

Obituary

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional



Obituary

Walter Woodson, Jr., affectionately known as “Woody” lived life boldly and to the fullest. Over the past year he was hoping for a miracle as he battled bladder cancer. However, God knew best and took him home on January 1, 2013. Woody was born in Newark, NJ on March 3, 1961, the last of four children. He was the only son born to the late Walter Woodson, Sr. and Jacqueline A. Woodson. He spent his youth in the City of Newark where he attended public school. He graduated in 1979 from Clifford Scott High School and went on to pursue higher level education at Mercer County College and American Academy McAllister Institute. Woody held a degree in mortuary science.

Woody possessed two qualities that all who knew him would instantly identify: his boundless enthusiasm for his family and his detail-oriented planning as well as execution as a funeral director and embalmer. He truly loved his profession and the service that he provided to clients was impeccable. Woody’s essential quest was to live a meaningful life: to do meaningful work, support his childhood sweetheart and loving wife Yolanda and the “boys”. He found huge satisfaction and joy in participating as a parent during football games and other sporting events that the boys were engaged in. His happiest moments were marked by shout outs to the boys as they maneuvered the football field and earned numerous distinguished awards and accolades as outstanding athletes.

On the morning of January 1, 2013, Yolanda let Woody know that she would be well, the battle was not lost and they would meet again. Shortly thereafter, Woody departed this life peacefully with dignity and a smile on his face.

Although Woody has departed this life as we know it his legacy will live on as his work and commitment to family and friends will remain fresh in our memories. During his youth and throughout his personal and professional life Woody formed lifelong friendships. He left footprints on the hearts of many who will never be the same. There are those who also left footprints on his heart including, his dearest friend, Edith Churchman, “second mother” Beatrice Williams and very special friends Andrew Means, John Williams, Ron Curry, Jimmy Shelby, Omar Sharif, Macon Cotton III, Sam and Rethna Arnold and James Brooks.

Woody is survived by: his wife of 30 years, Yolanda James Woodson; three sons, Anton, Brandon and Blaine; four sisters, Joyce Milton Townes, Cynthia Rutty, Andrea Dixon and Tamisha Watson; uncle, Howard Scott; aunt, Alice Poindexter; father-in-law, Frank James Jr; mother-in-law, Margarite Howard; sisters-in-law, Gwendolyn James, Stephanie Sharif James, Karen Cato-Turner, Jabril James, Floretta James; brothers-in-law, Omar Sharif, Kenneth Rutty, Steve James, Tyrone James, Frank James; Clarence Turner, Phillip Howard; and countless cherished family and friends.

Order of Service

Sunday, January 6, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

Franklin St. John United Methodist Church

142 Maple Avenue • Newark, NJ

Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, Officiating

Processional

Sealing Of The Bier

Prayer Of Comfort

Selection “I’ll Fly Away”

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

New Testament

Acknowledgements And Obituary

Poem

Selection “Going Up Yonder”

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Monday, January 7, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Woody's Journey

written by Karen Cato-Turner & Stephanie James Sharif

A loan from God and an angel for sure
Given to Walter Sr. and Jackie to be loved to the core
The loan was for 51 years but there was quite a journey
Along the way he eyed a pretty little honey
Her name was Yolanda cute and sweet
And she was the one Woody wanted to quickly meet
They fell deeply in love and along the way
Had three beautiful sons and moved to PA
Life was wonderful and all was well
Until God called on another angel to come and dwell
Woody has departed in the physical but his memory lives on
As you watch us now we know from this life you are gone
But we believe you are reunited with loved ones who passed before
They are standing with arms open at heaven's door
Rejoicing and happy with a smile on your face
And a twinkle in your eye for you have left this place
You are rejoicing and singing too
Because the doors of heaven are swinging wide for you
We will miss our time together
But when we join you there it will be better
In the meantime we will hold on to all that was shared
And if it's ok with you shed a few tears
It may be months or it may be years

Just know that we look forward to seeing you there
--Your beloved Family

Acknowledgement

The family of Walter "Woody" Woodson Jr. has been overwhelmed by all of the kindnesses extended to them in their bereavement hour. A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Kenneth Pearman, Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, all of Woody's friends. Most especially we thank Woody's colleagues; all of the funeral homes and funeral directors who helped ensure his funeral services were a moment to pause, reflect and thank the man who helped so many others on their grief journeys. God bless you all.

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