



*In Loving
Memory of*

TeeJay Rajohn Rice

Sunrise

August 30, 1982

Sunset

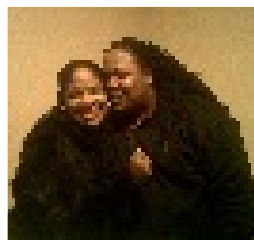
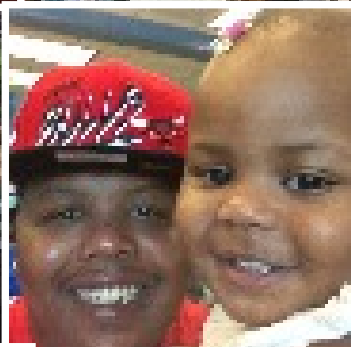
April 16, 2013

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH

830 Lyons Avenue • Irvington, NJ

Rev. Ron Christian, Officiating



Reflections of Life

TeeJay Rajohn Rice was born August 30, 1982 to the late Ardella Johnson and the late Terry Rice at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. Rajohn was the oldest of three siblings. Rajohn received his primary education in the Newark Public School system. He then completed his secondary schooling at Weequahic High School in 2000. Rajohn was a member of the Weequahic High School Football Team, where he received the nickname “Softy”. Rajohn had a love for music and sharing his talents of playing the drums and then became a member of the Weequahic High School Marching Band. Rajohn also shared playing the drums in his early years in church at Clearview Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Softy was a great lover of sports. His favorite football team was the New York Giants and his favorite basketball team was the Chicago Bulls.

Rajohn was employed by Stanley Steamers in Edison, New Jersey. He loved working with people and putting smiles on everyone’s face. He was definitely a people person who enjoyed working closely with customers at his prior employments. He was known for making people laugh with his joking ways and connected well with everyone he came in contact with. He loved making people turn heads with his wonderful sense of fashion. He was known for his incredible and impeccable taste in Urban Fashion Wear. He was never a follower and always saw himself as being his own Boss and having his own business. He had his own vision of creating his own business ventures in Urban Clothing Designs and other business opportunities.

Rajohn met Alake Lawal in Weequahic High School in 1999 and were known as “High School Sweethearts”. They both had a unbelievable loving bond and during their relationship a wonderful and beautiful daughter was born; Imani Rice on January 20, 2011. April 2,

2011 he asked for Alake's hand in marriage. He was a loving, caring provider for his family and wanted nothing but the best for them, always. He was definitely a Family Man and our protector. He loved spending time with all his close family members and loved getting together for family functions & holidays.

Rajohn is survived by: his fiancée, Alake Lawal; his daughters, Imani Rice and stepdaughter, Amilya Lawton; his brothers, Keon Dickerson, Keith Brian McNeil and Daryle Massi; his grandparents, Gloria Polite and Samuel Johnson; aunts, Sharon Johnson, Keashia Hudson, Jody Thomas and Lori Skyes; uncles Paul Hudson, Wesley Thomas and Uncle Eddie Johnson; cousins, Lawrence Pearyer, Stacey Avent, Elliot Avent, Paul Hudson Jr., Brianna Hudson; and a host of other loving aunts, uncles, cousins and close family members.

He joins in eternal peace with his mother, Ardella Sylvia Johnson; father, Terry Rice; his maternal grandmother, Muriel Lucas-Jones; paternal grandmother, Mary Rice; maternal great grandmother, Dorothy Lucas; maternal great grandfather, Tevester Lucas Sr.; aunt, Cynthia Thomas; uncle, Gerald Polite; uncle, Otis Polite III; cousins, Taysia Lipsey and Jessie Thomas.

Suddenly

“Sorry I had to Leave You So Suddenly”

Sorry I had to leave in a sudden kind of way; didn't have time to call and say good-bye today. I knew you would understand, because that's the way you are; don't worry about the distance because I'm not really that far. Don't wait up and please don't cry you didn't hear me say good-bye.

-Author Unknown

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Expressions

Acknowledgement

Obituary

Stacy Avent-Jones

Poems

Teresa Rice and Brianna Hudson

Eulogy

Rev. Ron Christian

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Pallbearers

Terrance Frye Troy Frye Sr.

Sam Frye Jr. Richard Frye

Oluseyi Lawal Lawrence Pearyer



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*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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