

A Celebration of Life for



Ira Jr. Cotton

Sunrise

April 24, 1960

Sunset

July 2, 2013

Service

Tuesday, July 16, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH

830 Lyons Avenue

Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Pastor Paulette Brown, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Ira Cotton departed this life Tuesday, July 2, 2013. He was born in the city of Newark, New Jersey to Ora Lee Cotton and the late Willie Lee McBride on April 24, 1960.

Ira was a lifetime resident of the city of Newark and Irvington, New Jersey. Ira received his education in the Newark Public School System. He attended Hawthorne Avenue School and Weequahic High School. Ira went on to work at many jobs. He worked for a trash company, moving company, trucking business and many more.

Ira was a gentlemen. He was kind hearted, generous and very respectful to everyone. Ira was the type of man that would give you his last if needed. Ira was always thoughtful to call everyone in his family and friends just to see how they were doing. He was very helpful to all. Ira would not hesitate to help with or contribute to his time to do things like taking trash out, cutting the grass or even help with moving furniture. Most importantly he was a family man and loved everyone without a doubt. Ira, adored his longtime mate Geraldine Mincer of twenty-seven years, who he lost two years ago. They were the best of friends. Losing her was like losing apart of his life. Ira, also had another special person in his life and that was his brother Mervin McBride. They were like Batman and Robin. They would hang together, party together and even fight each other but for sure of one thing nobody else could mess with neither one of them. After losing his brother his life was never the same. Ira and Mervin is known as two of the four Cotton Brothers. His grandchildren and daughter were special to him. All he would talk about was spending time with them. He also would take them to do little odd jobs with him. He loved his mother clearly, she was his heart. He would call her several times a day.

Ira favorite foods were stewed chicken and anything his mom cooked. He loved to dress. Ira will surely be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving mother, Ora Lee Cotton; his daughter, Ayesha Tanner; his five grandchildren, Daquan and Raquin Tanner and Karon, Tajuan and Deolin; one granddaughter, Donyea Harris; one grandson, Shakur Tanner; three sisters, Diane, Petrine and Pamela Cotton, all from Newark, NJ and Nadine Hutchinson of Kingland, Georgia; two brothers, Michael and Willie Cotton of Newark, NJ and Nakia McBride of St. Mary's, Georgia; four aunts, Ruby B. Good, Mary's Booker, Naomi McBride and Evelyn McBride; one uncle, Willie C. Salter and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Ira joins in eternity: his father, Willie McBride; two sisters, Christine and Theresa Cotton of Newark, NJ; brother, Joe McBride of Newark; four aunts, Mitty Graham, Pearl Snail, Marble Morrison and Rose Salter and three uncles, Wilbert McBride, Albert McBride and James McBride.

Order of Service

Presiding.....Trenise Heirs

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Sister Sophia Patterson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Deacon James Heirs

New Testament.....Open

Reading of Obituary.....Sister Pamela Cotton

Acknowledgements.....Tamika Cotton

Selection Quaniesha Taylor

Reflections (two minutes please).....Open

Selection.....Sister Avalon Clarke

Eulogy Pastor Paulett Brown

Rightousness of Christ Kingdom Ministries Newark, NJ

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Moments To Cherish

*There come moments in our lives when we must leave.
To my mom, brothers, sisters, family and friends that are dear
to me. Suddenly, my life was taken away from me.*

But, I know I will be in your hearts forever.

*Please don't cry anymore. I have gone away to go through that
door. Remember me when I was with you and know that I
never wanted to leave you. I am as near as you think because
again, I am in your hearts. Cherish the moments we shared
together, knowing that the love we had will always be forever.*

*Times like this are difficult But I want you all to wipe away
your tears and never forget the many years we all shared. I'm
away now. Gone forever. On my way to the gates of heaven.*



Acknowledgement

*The family would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you"
for your love, support, phone calls and prayers. We truly
appreciate all and may God bless and keep each of you.*

The Family



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