

*Celebrating The Life
of*



TAMIR M. HARRY
“BOOBIE”

Sunrise
September 1, 1996

Sunset
August 6, 2013

Service

Friday, September 13, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

MESSIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

13-17 Oak Street • East Orange, New Jersey
Elder Wayne Brunson, Officiating



August 8, 2013

Dear Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Harry,

I wanted to write to express my sorrow at the sad news of Tamir's death. He was such a special person that no words are really adequate. He brought pleasure to everyone at the school and will be sadly missed. All of the staff and students that I have spoken to have their own treasured memories of Tamir, and I know how much they valued him as a member of the school community.

While the loss of a loved one is never easy, even when anticipated, it is most certainly the hardest when they are taken from us too soon. Your recent loss of your son who has left us at such a youthful age is certainly in the category of those hard losses for which there is so painful a reminder of what might have been. The tragic circumstances of Tamir's death can't be comprehended. I cannot begin to understand the shock and disbelief that you are feeling.

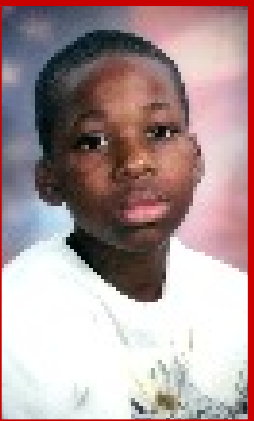
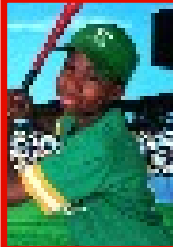
You were always a supportive parent who showed Tamir love and encouragement. Tamir spoke highly of you and worked very hard to make you proud. I use to love to go into his classroom and observe because he was so intelligent and creative. He led his classmates to a higher level. Tamir took less fortunate students under his wing. He was kind and compassionate. Tamir will be greatly missed.

I offer my sincere condolence and deepest sympathy on your loss. May the outpouring of sympathy, the kind acts of friends and strangers and the comfort in knowing that your loss is felt by many, help you through this difficult time. I ask for God's blessings on you and your wonderful family. May you find the courage and strength to move forward in peace and confidence and in knowing that his was a life well lived. No words can give comfort at such a tragic time, but if you want to talk or need practical help I am always available.

Yours In Peace,
Kimberly Brucale, Principal
Essex High School



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Today we stand here to celebrate the life of **Tamir Harry** whom we lovingly called “Boobie” and we live in the hope that our warm and lasting memories will erase the negativity, sorrow, and sadness of his demise. As such, we will fill these moments with love, positivity and celebratory thoughts for the life of our son, nephew, grandson and friend, who lived his young life with courage and enthusiasm, and brought us all great joy. He was born on September 1, 1996, the son of Pamela Russ-Ferguson and Bevan Harry, in Newark, New Jersey, and was Christened and raised in the Church of God by Faith in Newark, New Jersey. Tamir was a student at Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey and Essex High School in Passaic, New Jersey.

Tamir was a special and unique individual and so we pray that we will continue to view his life in only that way and strive to understand and appreciate that he has left a legacy – having fulfilled God’s purpose for his young life. These are the thoughts that must occupy us today. If Tamir was here today; and given his positive nature he will remind us of the words of Apostle Paul “not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” And indeed, he has been called to Heaven and will continue his good works.

The amount of love and support that has been shown to Tamir has been truly overwhelming, but it tells us as a family many things we already knew. And it doesn’t stop with his family the amount of friends he had, and the kind, caring words and laughter they all shared is living testimony to the type of person he was.

Tamir had a strong sense of what is right and stood for it. He did not waiver nor compromise and was prepared to get into trouble for standing his ground if he felt that he was wronged. We know with certainty that had he lived longer he would have matured into a highly ethical leader who always did the right thing. This sense of being right drove his ambition to become an attorney and eventually a judge. He was sharp and quick on his feet, always with a rapid retort. His arguments and perspectives were always logical and well thought through.

Tamir was courageous and forthright – he said it like he saw it but never meant any harm or disrespect – it’s just the way he interpreted the world. Further, he was unapologetic and understood that consequences may follow. On vacation in Trinidad he visited Maracas Beach with his brother and uncle. It was a windy day and the waters were rough with very strong and tall waves. He was determined to go into the water even despite the stern warnings of Uncle Brian. After watching the more seasoned swimmers he boldly exclaimed “I know how to swim in those waves”. Before we knew it Tamir was in the water diving into the trough of the waves as he had observed others doing. He then emerged with his big smile and said “see that was no big deal”. That was the day he conquered the waves.

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One of his friends when interviewed said “he was so smart.” Tamir was bright with a very inquisitive and inquiring mind. No wonder that he did so well in the sciences. He was analytical and organized. When we remember Tamir as a young man we would remember how much he enjoyed exploring, and he had a keen interest in genetics and DNA. He was also very street savvy and had a great appreciation of the world around him. Boobie was a very thoughtful individual with a strong tendency toward extroversion and as such he naturally built relationships amongst his peers. One young man who was clearly older than Tamir testified that Tamir was always there for him and gave him good advice. Loving and courageous, he was a very bright student, an astute and wise young man loved by many friends who will miss his endearing joviality and wit – always ready to provide a joke and uplifting words to pass the time together. Tamir was fiercely independent who did things his way and gave it his best shot conquering any challenge in his way.

Tamir was a diehard and loyal New York Giants and Detroit Pistons fan, he was ultra-competitive never willing to accept that his teams were defeatable. He was a very competitive and talented athlete who loved and excelled in football - he was a member of the East Orange Police Athletic League Football Program and the Maplewood/South Orange Pop Warner Football and Cheer program. His teammates on the 2009 Junior Wildcats (he wore jersey #76) and the Panthers (jersey #38) will surely remember his exploits on the field. Additionally, he represented the South Orange Community Baseball Team. He also enjoyed dancing and skateboarding. On the artistic side Tamir was an aspiring rap artist who performed at local talent shows as leader of his rap group.

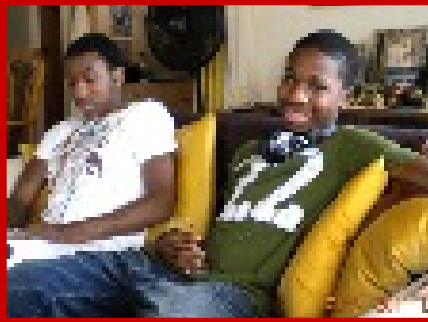
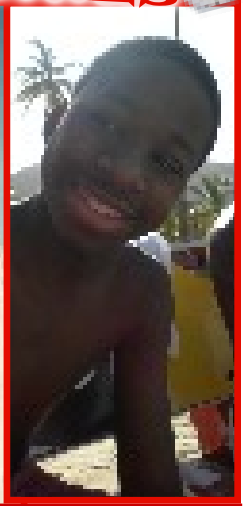
Tamir’s wonderful spirit and joie de vivre was captivating and one could not help but be drawn to him. He loved life and the people around him felt his joy and appreciation – so big was his heart and his capacity for compassion.

Life without him will never be the same again, it has left a hole that will never be filled, but we have to sometimes just admit that angels are needed back in heaven, after gracing earth with their presence, and so God called him home because he had a plan - **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** Jeremiah 29:11.

He is survived by his very loving parents Pamela Ferguson and Bevan Harry, brothers Tahsir Harry, Mark Ferguson, sister Taniyah Ferguson of Maplewood, NJ, paternal grandparents Ivan and Hilda Harry of D’Abadie, Trinidad, Tobago, maternal grandfather William Teasley of Newark, NJ, uncles Brian Harry of Houston, TX, Nigel Sangster, Roger Sangster, Frederick (Marla) Linton and Victor Russ of New Jersey; aunts Beverly (Anselm) Harry-Emmanuel, Bernadette Harry and Bridgette Harry of Trinidad and Tobago, Tracy Green of Newark, NJ and Cortina Martin of Irvington, NJ; and a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Mary Russ.



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SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

Processional.....Clergy and Family
“Every Praise”

Congregational Hymn “*We Understand It Better By and By*”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Minister Patricia Oliver-Smith

New TestamentMinister Brian Cole

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Wayne Brunson

Solo.....Monica Dutton

Reflections.....Patricia Cuttino

Counselor at Essex High School Passaic, NJ

Maryann McClain

Brian Harry

Acknowledgements/Cards/Resolutions.....Bishop Ann Thorne

Marla Williams-Linton

Tamisha Williams

Obituary.....Erica Quartey

Medley of Songs.....Zaccheus Linton

Eulogy.....Pastor Michael Brown

Recessional..... “*Victory*”

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

PALL BEARERS

Roger Sanger Anthony Howell Dwayne Linton
Niguel Sanger Kendell Harry Terence Eley

FLOWER BEARERS

Trina Williams Jitana Burrus
Shaquana Harper Megan Emmanuel



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May God Bless and Keep You!*

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