

I HAVE A NEW HOME OVER IN ZION

Captain
Kevin Alexander Jackson

Sunrise

August 29, 1966

Sunset

September 23, 2013



Fire Captain's Prayer

I am called to many duties Lord and now I've been called home. I've had to leave the ones I love to stand before Your throne. I'll not complain, its not my way but there are some things I'll ask. And please, Lord, grant them to me for the loved ones I hold fast. I dare to ask because I know how You've blessed in the past. I've learned to trust in Your grace, O Lord that's how I've come this far. So now, O God, I humbly pray hear this Fire Captain's Prayer. Bless my wife and family -- so often left alone, they knew where I was going and trusted You to bring me home. Well, now I'm home and wait for them keep them within the faith -- that one day, someday, we'll be together in this place. And O dear God, bless my men I trained them as best I could. I tried to do Your will with them and lead them as You would. I need to know Your with them Lord or else how can I stay and peacefully enjoy this place of endless day. This heaven where there is no night no fire to kill and burn I guess that's why its now my rest, my place, my turn. And Lord, be with my community and keep it safe as it can be for all its folks are special, and very dear to me. They are all my friends, and by Your grace I served them as best I could. So hear this Fire Captain's Prayer, O Lord and grant it please -- I already knew You would.

Amen

Reflections of Life

Revelation 21:4 - And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Kevin Alexander Jackson (K.J.) was born August 29, 1966, in Newark, NJ. Kevin was the beloved son of James and Magdalene Dreher - Jackson and the Step – Son of the Late Marshall Moore. On Monday morning, September 23, 2013 Kevin answered the call from his Heavenly Father and entered into eternal life at Beth Israel Hospital.

Kevin was educated at St. Ann's Elementary School in Newark, NJ and attended Lexington High School in Lexington, SC, graduating in 1985. He worked as a Security Guard for Essex County Department of Citizen Services. Always with a mind to better himself, Kevin stepped out on faith took the fire fighters test, passed and made history by becoming the First African American fire fighter in Hudson County (March 1996). Not satisfied, Kevin once again believed God, and made History again, becoming the First African American Captain with the North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue (November 2012). One day while working out at the New Beginning Gym he met the Love of his life Doretha, and on January 1, 1995, the Two Became One Flesh!

K.J. loved life, traveling and most of all he loved being around people. He was a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son and Friend. He was deeply loved and respected by his co-workers and even

though he is no longer physically with us, his loving and kind spirit will forever live in the hearts and lives of all who knew and loved him.

Early in Kevin's walk with the Lord, He attended the General Assembly Church of the First Born where he participated in bible study and other church functions, later becoming a member of the Clear View Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Eric Beckham.

Kevin leaves to celebrate his memory: his life loving wife, Doretha, Three Daughters: Jasmine, of Newark, NJ, Jessica and Jada of Irvington, NJ. Two Sons: Derrick of Newark, NJ, and Rory of Irvington, NJ. Two Grandchildren: Derrian and Imoni. Mother: Magdalene Dreher-Jackson. Two Sisters: Karen N. Kennedy of Newark, NJ, Cheryland Leaphart of Lexington, SC. One Brother: Kent Leaphart of Lexington, SC. Mother-in-law Minnie P. Powell of Donalsonville, GA. Brother-in-laws: Phillip Powell Jr of Springfield, MA, John (Doris) Powell of Blakely, GA, Hubert (Scarland) Powell, Herbert (Jackie) Powell both of High Point, NC. Sister-in-laws: Winnie (Wesley) Bennett, of Donalsonville, GA, Mattie Collins, of Dothan AL, Ida Farrier, of Orange, NJ Stella (Anthony) Giordani, Donaldsonville, GA, Betty Powell, of Hillside, NJ, Lisa Powell, of Forestville, MD, Sharon (Rev. Kevin) Hawkins, of Tallahassee, FL, Patricia (Rev. Willie) White, of Dothan, AL. Three Aunts: Dale E. (Durant) Dreher of Irvington, NJ, Shirley (Rudolph) Dreher of Bronx, NY, Mary F. Washington of Hempstead, NY. One Great Aunt: Elizabeth Richardson of Hempstead, NY. Special Brothers: Mike, Kirk and John. Special Friends: Reggie, Greta, Chante, and James, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and co-workers.

Service

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Clear View Baptist Church

314 Hobson Street

Newark, NJ 07112

Reverend Eric Beckham, Pastor

Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Solo

Remarks

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Solo

Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park

Union, NJ 07083



I don't know if it was your touch, your smile, your mesmerizing look or just the way you said my name, but whatever it was it caused a reaction that gave us eighteen years of marriage. Yes there were good and bad times, and even happy and sad times, but through it all God gave us the strength we needed to cause our lives together to grow stronger each and every day. Today I can proudly say, I Love You Kevin, thank you for being my Prince Charming and making my Dreams Come True! XOXOXOXO

Doretha



IN APPRECIATION

We the family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown us during this time of bereavement. Thank you for your love, prayers and all others expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed.

THE FAMILY OF KEVIN A. JACKSON

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