

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



CURTIS L. OLIVER, SR.

"FREEDOM SHA"

Sunrise

October 21, 1976

Sunset

September 30, 2013

Service

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

187-189 Pearl Street & E. 18th Street

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

Rev. Cedric McKoy, Officiating

Daniel C. Johnson, Organist

Reflections of Life

Curtis "Freedom Sha" Oliver, Sr., was born into the world on October 21, 1976 at Barnet Hospital Paterson, NJ to the parents, Lidia Oliver Mitchell and Percy Drakeford.

Curtis lived in Paterson and attended School 6 and then onto Passaic County Technical High School where he graduated. He also attended Passaic County Community College and Kean College in Union, NJ. He worked for Retail Construction & Signage in Hackensack, NJ for many years.

Curtis was loved by all. He was well known and loved by everyone who knew him. Curtis was also known as Freedom Sha, family oriented had so much love for his son and family. If you knew him. You knew he was the one to count on. Trust rely on, believe in his smile and laughter will truly be missed by all. Humor was his joy and a love is everlasting.

Curtis was predeceased by his great grandmother, Donella Oliver Watson, grandmothers, Sheila Oliver Beach, Lillie Mae Drakeford Burns and Gene Burns, grandfathers, LeRoy Chapell and Herbert Mickens.

Curtis leaves to cherish his memories: a son, Curtis Oliver, Jr., mother, Lidia Oliver Mitchell; father, Percy Drakeford; stepfather, David Mitchell; godparents, Lilliemae Washington Johnson and Nathaniel Johnson; sisters, Connie Beach, Patricia White and Regina Washington; brothers, Mustahim, Jr. and Nathaniel Washington; one niece, Sy'mirah Benbow; longtime friends and companion, Tasha McCrae; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude *Daniel C. Johnson*

Scripture Readings *Sheniqulia Watson*

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort *Yvette Banks*

Selection *Jeffery Beach*

Poem *Connie Beach*

Remarks

Acknowledgements

and Reflections *Tamisha McKoy*

Reflections of Life

Selection *Nicole Graham*

Eulogy *Rev. Cedric McKoy*

Beulah Grove Baptist Church • East Orange, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Arlington Memorial Cemetery

Kearny, New Jersey

Curtis was a fun loving guy that gave from his heart. His smile would light up a room. He had an inter strength that was amazing, a jokester, a son, father, buddy, a true friend and a brother to many had a love for family and friends. He loved everyone and love to be loved. His joy was making people happy. Curtis treasured and loved his mother, Lidia. It wasn't nothing in the world his mother did not want for or needed, she had his heart. Curtis was not a selfish person he had a giving heart could careless what people thought or say, but yet respectful, well mannered and humble.

Curtis knew of God because it was taught at a young age and he had praying parents for today we have lost a special person and we love you, we know it is not the last time we'll see our everlasting king. For God called him home now our angel is resting and that was you Curtis we will miss you.

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Curtis L. Oliver, Sr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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