



THE ROSE THAT GREW FROM CONCRETE

*Did you hear about the rose
that grew from a crack
In the concrete
Proving nature's laws wrong
it learned to walk
Without having feet
Funny it seems but by keeping its dreams
It learned to breathe fresh air
Long live the rose that grew from concrete
When no one else even cared!*



REVISITING SANITY

S. Cureton

*Long distance trapped me in close quarters
Words lost in blue skies and crystal clear waters
Last word meant even less than the first
Starving from an unquenchable mental thirst
Nostalgic feelings remind me of what was there
What is scared me because its still here
Parting ways with truth for lies to welcome me
Wishing through dreams and tears I could see
When my world ended and life brutally began
To end anew and begin on a desolate land
No earthly possession can balance a scale with you
Nor when we consider what life, death, and love can do
If night were ever brighter I'd see more clearly
The reason why the beauty of evil left me weary
Life without existence allows love to escape
To journey to a constantly fantasized landscape
One where the things we want coincide with need
Rather than death reflecting a life of love for greed.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MUSHIR RASHAD CURETON
"MUMU"**

Sunrise
April 22, 1986

Sunset
December 25, 2013



Thursday, January 2, 2014 - 11:00am

Christian Love Baptist Church

*830 Lyons Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111
Officiating - Rev. Dr. Ronald Christian, Pastor*

**A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE OF
MUSHIR CURETON**

Mushir Rashad Cureton, well known as “MuMu” was most notorious for his flirtatious nature, his passion for bike riding, his endless playful demeanor, and being the all-time “selfie-king.” He began his journey on April 22, 1986 at University Medical Center with his mother Adrian Cureton and father Richard Wright as his first passengers.

MuMu began each day with a prayer and questioned every happening thereafter. He parked his bike at several Newark Public Schools as a pupil at Madison Avenue Elementary School, Hawthorne Middle School, and Malcolm X Shabazz High School.

Mushir was the commander of his journey. All who dared to venture with him were met by a man of mystery, a selfless, faithful, and loyal brethren, a paternal, exuberant, and inquisitive explorer, an optimistic, magnificent, and ambitious rider, a self-motivated, courageous, and protective music lover.

Mushir’s journey changed paths on December 25, 2013 and he is now continuing his expedition in the company of his late and loving relatives: grandparents Louie and Estella Cureton, aunts Cornelia and Juanita Cureton and Dorothy Lee Mason, uncles Louis Cureton, and cousins Keshon Wright and Marquis Robinson.

Mushir leaves numerous passengers to continue on with his journey: mother, Adrian Cureton; father, Richard Wright; grandmother, Mattie Lee Wright; four passionate brothers, Quadri, Shaahid, Bilal, and Al-Tarik Cureton; sister-in-law, Danielle Narvaez; niece, Sajada Narvaez; uncles, Ronald, Andrew, Reginald, and Melvin Cureton, Abdurraheem Mubarak, William, Patrick, and Joseph Wright; aunts, Tonya and Geraldine Cureton, Carol Warren, Beverly Davis, Veronica, Willencia, and Kisha Wright; great aunts, Shirley Bethea and Carrie Boston; special cousins, Romel, Rajahn, Qamar, Quadea, Tanzania, Shantay, Rasheerah, Hamid, Saroya and Roniqua Cureton, Isaiah Wright, and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.



*Dear Momma,
I’m gonna always love and respect my mother cause when I was an infant she kept me safe..while I was defenseless from any and everything...from the biggest killer to the smallest germ...and raised me to become an adult...I ain’t the best man I could be right now due to my bad decision making...but I just wish I was doing a lot better so I could help her out more.*

*Love
MuMu*



ORDER OF SERVICE

- Processional.....The Family*
- Prayer of Comfort Angela Davis*
- Scripture Diana Howard*
- Poem.....Shaahid Cureton*
- Acknowledgement/Remarks.....Rasheerah Cureton
Danielle Narvaez*
- Musical SelectionErthea Stone*
- PoemMonica Russell*
- Reading of Obituary.....Qamar
Tanzania, and Shantay Cureton*
- Eulogy.....Pastor Ronald Christian
Christian Love Baptist Church*
- Recessional*

Interment
*Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey*

*Repast Services:
Prince Hall
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Pall Bearers
*Hamid Isaiah
Al-Tarik Shaahid
Rajahn Romel
Clarence Russell*