

In Loving Memory of



Kwasi Keita Mendoza

Sunrise

October 16, 1985

Sunset

January 18, 2014

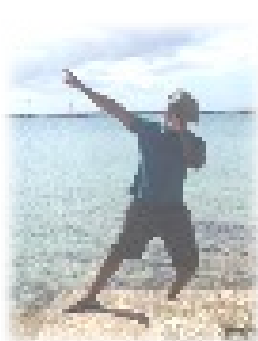
Thursday, January 23, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

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Obituary



Like a comet blazing across the evening sky, gone too soon. Like a rainbow fading in the twinkling of an eye, gone too soon. Glitters and shiny splendidly bright here one day gone one night, like the loss of sunlight on a cloudy afternoon, gone too soon. Like a castle built upon a sandy beach, gone too soon. Like a perfect flower that is just beyond your reach, gone too soon. Born to amuse and shine, inspire to delight here one day gone one night. Like a sunset dying with the rising of the moon, gone too soon.

Today is a day to reflect as we consider the loss of a life that went too soon. He had a lot left to accomplished and it is regrettable that he left us with so many questions. However, today we should not focus on the grief, but instead the celebration of life. He was a wonderful and glorious young man who lived, loved and respected life to the fullest

and would want us to celebrate his accomplishments today.

Kwasi Keita Mendoza, was born on October 16, 1985 to Isidore and Rosamund Mendoza at St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. Kwasi was our first child and was dearly loved and cared for by his parents. As a child Kwasi was well positioned in the family and interacted with his siblings as he grew. He attended public preschool in Brooklyn, then by the age of four the family relocated from Brooklyn, NY to Englewood, NJ in 1989. Kwasi started kindergarten at Quarles School then at Lincoln Elementary/Cleveland Elementary School. After elementary educational development, he then entered the Janis E. Dismus Middle School. During his middle school years he also attended the Jason-Kim Academy to be much more prepared for his high school experience. Kwasi had the distinct privilege to attend The Bergen County Academies in Hackensack, NJ. When Kwasi had settled into the environment, he became a well liked track and field team member, a strong competitor and grew to become a great student and better team member as he was always a team player. On the last three years of his high school experience at the Academies of Visual and Graphic Communication, Kwasi remained on the Dean's List for every semester, never missing one single day of high school. Things would just get better for him. As a kid, one of his favorite characters was The Wolverine... so the decision to become a "Wolverine" in real life was an easy one, and this is where his college life began. At The University of Michigan... Home of the Wolverines.

By the second year in college, he met his partner, a beautiful young lady by the name of Sara Alloy. I saw these two grow to be better each day. Kwasi got his first job with CHADBOURNE & PARKE LLP. After graduated with his Bachelors degree, he lived in Teaneck for a short while. One day Kwasi visited us at home and he shared with us that he wanted to pursue a career in Law. He knew what he needed to do to stay focused and he never put aside his goals in life. He just wanted to come back home with us and go to Rutgers School of Law. It was a struggle, but he continued his journey. He began working at Henry G. Klein LLP, a local attorneys firm in Englewood, and he would always say Dad "The Michigan Difference" which meant through any and all obstacles, you can succeed. He was just so determined to make the best of his life, so the future would be bright for him and his family, but after all these struggles, he left his best friend's home, and less than a quarter mile away from where he just drove away from that early morning, the route which he had traveled oh so many times for over two years... he never makes it home. Our bell rang at 7:00 a.m. that morning and we were told "Your son was in a fatal accident and his body is at the County Medical Examiner's."

Kwasi's passing has had a tremendous impact on our family and friends as they consider, one so young with all this potential and possibility, gone so soon but, Kwasi thoughts to us would be to not shed tears when I have gone, but smile, open your eyes and see all that I have left behind. I know your heart will be empty, because you cannot see me, but still I want you to be full of the love we shared.

Kwasi was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by those who he has touched throughout his life.

His loss will be mourned by his parents, Isidore and Rosamund, his younger brother Omari, his sweetheart, Sara Alloy, aunt, uncles, cousins and a host of friends and colleagues. Blessed Love.

Order of Service

Processional of Family and Final Viewing

Invocation

Opening Hymn/Solo

The Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection/Solo

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections from Friends, Family, Clergy

The Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection/Solo

The Message of Hope

Pastor Taylor

Closing Hymn

The Benediction

Recessional

Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

My Farewell



*Our family circle has been broken
link has gone from our chain; But
though we are parted for a while,
We know we will meet again.*

*Sometimes it's hard to understand
why certain things must be, but there
is a reason for it all, beyond our
power to see. The cover of life's book
is closed for one we loved so well;*

*But the loving deeds of
by-gone days are what the pages tell.
The blow was hard, the shock severe;*

We never thought your death was so near.

*But only those who have lost can tell
The pain of parting without farewell.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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