

In Loving Memory of



Shamal Jefferson

Sunrise

November 23, 1985

Sunset

May 6, 2014

Service

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.



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Obituary

Shamal Kareem Jefferson was born on November 23, 1985, in New York City to the parents of Thomas Rawls and Cheryline Jefferson. He attended Taft High School in the Bronx where he obtained his High School Diploma. Shamal was last employed as a caterer for Edible Arrangements.

Shamal has always been known for his humble gentle spirit and warm smile, his sense of humor, his kindness and having a heart of gold. From a very young age Shamal was always fascinated with anything on wheels. He loved to ride his bicycle, skateboard quads and dirt bike. The long rides gave him a sense of peace. He always said when he made his first million he was going to buy a Sion T.C. (A race car). He was a marvelous dancer, he could break dance and do the Harlem Shake with the best of them. He loved working with his hands and if you purchase a handy man special he was the one to call, he would fix it if you let him stay there. He was as colorful and sweet as the favorite candies he loved to eat, Skittles, Now and Later and Mike and Ikes.

Shamal is survived by: his wife, Shantel and their son, Shamal, Jr. age 5; his daughter, Anaya age 8 and his son, Alex age 2, all of whom he loved with all his heart; his father, Thomas Rawls; mother, Cheryline Taft Jefferson; step mother, Tammye Rawls; step father, Gerald Taft; his four brothers, Shawndu, Shakeem, Shaquan and Michael; his two sisters, Sharkira and Canteena; three step sisters, Shakeema, Krista and Reva; he also leaves to cherish his memory a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. And also close to Shamal's heart were his best friends, Vincent, Beenie and TJ.

Order of Service

Processional The Family

Invocation Min. Jeffery Williams

Love Gospel Assembly

Special Music Pastor David Martin

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 121:1-8 Shaquan Jefferson
Gerald Taft

New Testament - John 14:1-7 Jhaila Vanderhorst

Prayer of Comfort Min. Nikki Galloway

Selection Canteena Jefferson

Acknowledgements & Condolences Sharkira Jefferson

Words of Comfort (Two Minutes)

Obituary Shawndu Jefferson

Selection Minister Chelli Jackson
LGA Choir

Eulogy Minister Jeffery Williams
Love Gospel Assembly

Final Viewing

Benediction

Final Disposition
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

Heavenly Father

You are truly an inspiration A pillar in a fallen land Taking me by the hand Leading me to the promise land You showed me how to stand upon the rock of whose name is.

Jesus

While calling out his name You taught me how to make passion from my pain. No longer living in vain You gave me your armor of love Now I sing like a freed dove Soaring to the heavens above.

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

The family of Shamal Kareem Jefferson gratefully acknowledges your presence here today. We wish to express our appreciation for all of your prayers, words of love and sympathy. Your many calls, e-mails and cards all served to ease our pain and lighten our hearts.

Special thanks to Al Capone and the bikers for warm support and generous contribution!

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May God bless you all and keep you always in His heart and care.

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