

# In Loving Memory of



## Christopher Paul McGrath

**Sunrise**

March 28, 1988

**Sunset**

May 10, 2014

### Service

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

### **Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. T. H. Rankin, Jr., Officiating

Anita Betha, Organist

# Obituary

**Christopher Paul McGrath** was born March 28, 1988, in Brooklyn, NY to Peter G. McGrath and Denise M. Edwards. He entered into his eternal rest on May 10, 2014 with his family by his side at University Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Chris was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, an inherited disorder that involves muscle weakness, which had worsened at a rapid pace.

Chris was educated in Westfield, NJ where he attended Westlake High School and made many life-long friends. Chris loved to play online video games, watch wrestling, and eat his favorite foods. He was a vibrant soul who unknowingly, touched the lives of everyone he encountered and showed everyone the meaning of strength and courage. Defeating all the odds, being that his life expectancy was age 12.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Denise Henson-Edwards; step-father, Paul Edwards; sister, Kiona A. McGrath; step-brothers, Amir McGrath, Andrew Mavin and Steven Edwards; grandmothers, Elizabeth C. Henson and Shirley Meikle; grandfather, Purdie G. McGrath; brother from another mother, Travis Valentine; aunts, Tressa Henson, Nicole McGrath and Andrea Wiley; uncles, John Texiera, Dwayne Hinton, Devin Henson and Duane Harding; and a host of cousins and friends.

# **Order of Service**

**Musical Prelude**

**Opening Hymn**

"At The Cross"

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament - Psalm 91, Psalm 103

New Testament - St. John 14: 1-3

Andrea Wiley

**Prayer of Comfort**

Shirley McKie

**Selection**

"Blessed Assurance"

**Remarks & Reflections**

(Under 2minutes please)

**Acknowledgements**

Alisia Harris

**Obituary**

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**Selection**

**Eulogy**

Rev. Dr. T. H. Rankin, Jr.

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one' touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Janice M. Fair-Salters

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Christopher Paul McGrath** extends their heart felt thanks. They are grateful for all of the kind expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness during their time of need and bereavement.

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