

Reflections of Life

Craig Cooks was born on May 19, 1960 in Paterson, New Jersey to Joan Cooks and Johnnie Kelley. He was a lifelong resident of Paterson.

Craig was educated in the Paterson School System, attending Public School #12 and was a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. Craig worked many jobs.

Everyone who knew him loved him. He was always full of life and loved to laugh.

He was predeceased by his mother, Joan Cooks, his brother, Tyrone Cooks and a sister, Marlene Cooks.

Craig departed this life on Sunday, May 11, 2014.

Left to cherish his precious memories are: one daughter, Crainysha Rutherford of Bloomfield, NJ; his father, Johnnie Kelley; two grandchildren, Shakur and Khori Muckle; seven sisters, Carolyn and Wanda Cooks both of Paterson, NJ, Remel Dixon and Kim Kelley-Thaxton of Haledon, NJ and Colleen Hanley of Venice, CA, Garnetta Nelson and Amanda Reed of CA; two brothers, Wayne Guthrie of Laurel, MD and Eric Ward of Temple Hill MD; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Poem Crainysha Rutherford

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life Kim Kelley-Thaxton

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Alfred Steele Seminary Baptist Church • Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday, and days before that, too.

We think of you in silence, We often speak your name,

Now all we have is memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part.

God has you in his keeping,

We have you in our heart.

I feel a warmth around me
Like your presence is so near,
And I close my eyes to visualize
Your face when you were here,
I endure the times we spent together
And they are locked inside my heart,
For as long as I have those memories
We will never be apart,
Even though we cannot speak anymore
My voice is always there,
Because every night before I sleep
I have you in my prayer.

Love always your daughter and grandchildren

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Craig Cooks** 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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