

A portrait of a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, wearing a dark flat cap and a dark polo shirt with thin white horizontal stripes. He is resting his chin on his right hand. The background is a soft-focus image of a blue sky with white clouds.

*In Loving Memory of*

*Darryl Craig Steward*

*Sunrise*  
*August 22, 1957*

*Sunset*  
*July 24, 2014*

*Service*

*Saturday, August 2, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.*

**St. Paul's Life Center U.F.W.  
Baptist Church, Inc.**

355 Badger Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

*Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating*

*Kelly Turner, Soloist*

# Obituary

**Darryl Craig Steward** was born on August 22, 1957 in Newark, NJ to John and the late Dorothy Hayes Steward. He was an only child and lived in Newark until 1967 before relocating to Roxbury, Massachusetts where he grew up. He graduated from high school and completed two years of college at Boston University.

Darryl returned to New Jersey in 1988 to help with the family business, Stewards Restaurant owned at that time by his grandmother the late Amelia Steward. He enjoyed working with his grandmother, learning family recipes and perfecting his culinary skills in the art of soul food. After being fired from Stewards he joined his father John and his step mother, Dorothy Steward at Johns Place. Darryl flourished as the morning manager. Darryl was passionate with his cooking and made long lasting impressions and relationships with his kitchen staff, waitresses and customers. He had a way of making everyone feel special and loved with his warm personality and big heart. He often used to talk to the customers dining in asking them if they tasted any rubber, because he had put his foot in it! Everyone loved his charismatic charm, devilish grin, and the perfection he put into preparing each dish. Darryl returned to Stewards Restaurant in 1996 as owner where he devoted himself to reviving the business until closing in April of 2008.

Even though Darryl was an only child he had a lot of friends and family that loved him as their brother. He was affectionately referred to as "D" by friends, "Pook" by his cousins Bruce Lewis, Dorethea "Pepi" Beane, Ginger Paterson, Danny Hayes and Dawn and "Pop Pop Darryl" by his grandchildren. He enjoyed giving nicknames to all that were close to him. He was a loving provider to his wife and children and a great role model. He often said to his sons to be a "GG", a gentlemen and a gentle man. He loved his children and always greeted them with a hug and left them with a kiss upon their forehead. He often spoke to his maternal relatives reminding them of the love he had for them. He affectionately referred to his father as "Pop" and they shared a loving caring relationship. Darryl was welcomed wherever he went making friends easily and leaving a lasting impression with everyone he met. Our husband, father, son, nephew and grandfather was a man of conviction and had a firm belief in the virtues of hard work and love for his fellow man. He was generous and gave not only of his material resources, but also of his time and effort. He was never too busy to stop whatever he was doing for himself and family to assist others who needed his help.

Darryl age 56, suddenly passed away on Thursday evening at his home in North Plainfield surrounded by his loving wife and children. He will be greatly missed as he was one of a kind. He is survived by his beloved wife, Venus Steward and his five children, Darryl II, Darius, Jonnelle Steward, Marquise Darling, Marquette Brown, and son-in-law, Irvin Brown; his father, John and step mother, Dorothy Steward. He was the cherished grandfather of seven, Aniela Williams, Laila Steward, Kamaiya Darling, Skye Darling, Adrielle Darling, Jayde Darling, and Tristan Brown. He was the beloved nephew of Lucille Young, and Paula Robinson.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo

*Kelly Turner*

Eulogy

Recessional



# *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 Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's 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!*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation  
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was  
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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