

*Celebrating The Life
of*



Jamal Rasheen Palmer

Sunrise: September 14, 1977

Sunset: August 17, 2014

Thursday, August 28, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

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Final Disposition

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Obituary

Jamal Rasheen Palmer, was born in New York City on September 14, 1977, the youngest of two children to Valerie N. and Michael D. Palmer. He departed this life on August 17, 2014. Today we celebrate the life that was gone too soon.

Soon after his birth, Jamal, his brother and parents moved to Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in Southern California. He was extremely proud to have a father who was a Marine and would jokingly run through the house in his father's military gear. Jamal was often referred to as a "military brat" a derivative or military slang that describes the child of a parent serving full-time in the U.S. Armed Forces. But Jamal was anything but a brat. He was a little warrior, our soldier and a real trooper. During his father's military service, Jamal and his family moved from one military installation to another, but the relocations didn't bother Jamal, he was tough, adaptable and good at making new friends.

Jamal, a quiet, unique and humble spirit had a passion for baseball, music, dancing and traveling. He was independent and enjoyed making money and by the time he turned eight, he had his first paper route. His lifelong dream was to play baseball and he had a strong desire to pursue a musical career in Hip Hop.

Jamal attended Rancho Buena Vista High School in Vista, CA and graduated from Wildcat Academy in New York City. While in high school, Jamal met Miranda Hay and in the year 1999, Jamal and Miranda welcomed the birth of their precious daughter, Nadera Palmer.

Jamal attended Mira Costa College in Oceanside, CA and Union County College in Elizabeth, NJ. Like his father, Michael, Jamal had a love for technology and enjoyed working with computers. He was employed at several companies in New York and California. Jamal was a diligent worker and he put his heart and soul into his work. "Marley" as his friends sometimes called him, was a good friend and a loving son. He loved his family unconditionally. To some, Jamal's life seemed short-lived but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of his existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which he lived. We will miss our beloved son, father, brother and friend. Don't cry for Jamal, he's soaring with the angels but most important he is in the bosom of our Heavenly Father. Jamal's humility, integrity and perseverance will continue to inspire us and he will be forever loved. Jamal R. Palmer, our soldier and black butterfly you're free to spread your wings and fly.

Family members: Parents, Michael and Valerie Palmer; brother, Husein D. Palmer; daughter, Nadera Palmer; grandparents, Nannette E. Jones, Ruth Tyson and Clarence E. Jones; aunts, Karen Holloman, Cheryll Allen and Monique Palmer; great aunt, Doris Tyson; great uncle, John Jones and Brian Allen; cousins, Jerome Riley, Sinclair Bozella, Kenya, Asia, Jada and Preston; and a host of family and friends in New York, California and the South.

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