

In Loving Memory of



Joseph Stewart

Sunrise

November 15, 1965

Sunset

December 28, 2014

Service

Sunday, January 4, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Gaither P. Smith, Officiating
Brvon Neal, Organist

Obituary

Joseph was born on November 15, 1965 to the proud parents of Leslie Cooper and Joyce Stewart (both deceased). He was the fourth of six children. He lived his entire life in Bronx, NY, a place that he loved. He never had a desire to stray too far from the city or from the family that nurtured and loved him throughout his life.

Joseph completed high school by earning his GED. Despite leaving high school prior to graduation, Joseph was a gifted student and the only one of six siblings to skip grades in school due to his academic achievements. He was also an extremely talented artist, a skill that would eventually be helpful in his professional life. Like many people, Joseph had some challenges earlier in life, but began to transform himself and his goals when he turned 30. He eventually completed two apprenticeships – one in printing and one in computer programming. He was employed as a printer until he became too ill to work, and many of the signs he created for local businesses are prominently displayed.

Joseph was a quiet and humble man, who gave his life to Christ in 2012. He was devoted to his family and friends and made sure that those he cherished knew that his love for them was unwavering. He was a proud father to his only child, Joseph Stewart, Jr. and an even prouder grandfather to granddaughter, Hannah Leah and grandson, Emmanuel. He touched many lives throughout his 49 years on earth and he will be deeply missed by those who loved him. God called him home Monday, December 28, 2014 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, NY.

Left to cherish and honor his memory are: his son, Joseph Stewart, Jr. (Raquel); granddaughter, Hannah Leah; grandson, Emmanuel; his friend/companion, Jacqueline Jones; siblings, Sharon Hall (Darryl), Michael Cooper (Anthea), David Stewart (Sharon), Stephine Jackson (David), Marion Bradshaw (Jeffrey), Sheila Cooper, Angela Cooper and Denise Cooper; step-mother, Lucille Cooper; long-time devoted friends: Nefertiti Branch; Dwight “Whitey”; thirteen amazing nieces and nephews; eight aunts and uncles and a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Gone Too Soon

You have gone away – the first of us to leave.

Too soon we think, but we know

you are in a better place.

No more suffering for you. You’ve earned your rest.

*We’re sure Mom was waiting to greet you
(as always with open arms, a smile and some advice:).*

We will see you again. You will always be in our hearts.

Love Always,

Sharon

Michael

David

Stephine

Marion

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, 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 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!*

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Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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