

Celebration of Life

Sunrise

March 20, 1967

Sunset

February 16, 2015

Kevin Parker

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

401 Avon Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Reverend André W. Milteer, Pastor

Bishop Gregory A. Woods, Eulogist

Pastor Michael J. Jordan, Officiating

Obituary



Kevin Parker was born on March 20, 1967 in Newark, NJ to Barbara Parker and Charles Johnson. Kevin attended the Newark Public School system. He graduated from Malcolm X Shabazz High School, attended Major School of Music and Essex County College.

Kevin met his wife Robin in 1987. From that moment forward, they were inseparable. In 1991, Kevin, Robin and his mother, Barbara opened a beauty salon, Personal Touch.

Kevin dedicated his life to Christ at an early age. He faithfully attended Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Newark with his mother, Barbara Parker and grandmother, Theresa Waters. Kevin was a member of Revival Temple Holiness Church in Newark. He was a church musician at Mt. Olive Baptist in East Orange and a music teacher at the School of Rock where he taught bass guitar. Kevin's love for gospel music was a part of his everyday life. While his grandmother encouraged him to play the lead guitar, Kevin aspired to play the bass. The compromise, Kevin mastered both instruments.

Kevin began playing the bass guitar over thirty-four years ago. His passion for this, along with his love for gospel quartet music, led to a collaboration with his cousins. Using their initials, Kevin, George and Timmy formed the group called, "KGT" (Keeping God's Trust). Kevin was a talented bass and lead guitarist, composer and arranger. His musical career began playing with Lydia Mathis, *Stefanie Minatee & Friends*, *Little Stevie and the Gospel Superstars* and his father's group, *Rapture*. Having such skills enriched his life and afforded him many opportunities to perform with many notable artists, groups, choirs and churches. Kevin had the privilege of working with Bishop Walter Hawkins, Vickie Winans, Michael Bolton, Ray Charles, *The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra*, *Rev. Stefanie and Jubilation*, *Alvin Darling and Celebration*, *The Mighty Clouds of Joy*, *The Pilgrim Jubilee*, Dorothy Norwood, Shirley Caesar, *The North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association Auxiliary Choir* and many others.

Kevin had a cheerful, fun loving personality. Aside from his love of the guitar, he also loved to eat spaghetti. Kevin absolutely enjoyed laughing, smiling and telling a good joke. Anyone that lent him their ear would definitely be encouraged. And, for this, Kevin will be greatly missed.

Kevin leaves to cherish his fond memories: a loving and devoted wife, Robin Parker; children, India Parker and Rave Brower; grandchildren, Chrishara McFoley and Tristan Johnson; father, Charles Johnson; grandfather, Frank Parker; two brothers, Jermain Johnson (Nicole) and Rashone Johnson (Mary); father and mother in-law, Robert & Reverend Julia Bogan; sisters-in-law, Jacqueline Mitchell (Darrick) and Vanita Andrews; brothers-in-law, Robert "Feller" Bogan and Darryl Miller; great uncle, Roy Miller of Lynchburg, Virginia; godparents, Elder Alex and Ann Wallace; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Kevin was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Parker and grandmother, Theresa Waters.

Order of Service

Presiding Pastor Michael J. Jordan
Mount Olive Baptist Church

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Selection.....Rev. Stef & Jubilation

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Psalms 150

New Testament.....2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Prayer.....Apostle Allan A. Patterson
Greater Harvest Worldwide Ministries, Trenton, NJ

Acknowledgements.....Golden Hymon

Selection.....Elder Linell Andrews & Company

Obituary.....Golden Hymon

Reflections.....Rev. Dr. Janesia Fuller-Mosley
Ebenezer House of Deliverance, Brooklyn, NY

Rev. André Milteer

Rev. Michael J. Jordan

Moderator, Rev. Ralph Branch

Selection.....SuSu Bobien

Eulogy.....Bishop Gregory A. Woods
Revival Temple Holiness Church, Newark NJ

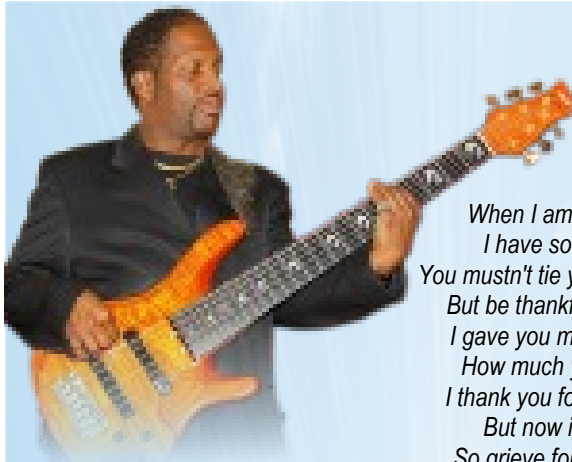
Recessional

Interment

Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

REPAST

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
401 Avon Avenue • Newark, NJ



When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
That it is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home"
"Robin"

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness
shown to them during this time of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rev. Michael J. Jordan, Pastor
Revival Temple Holiness Church, Bishop Gregory A. Woods
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Moderator Rev. Ralph Branch
Greater Harvest Worldwide Ministries, Apostle Allan A. Patterson
Patrons of Personal Touch Beauty Salon
Rev. Stefanie Minatee
Elder Linell Andrews

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