

*In Loving Memory of
Thomas Edward Ferguson, Jr.*

Sunrise
March 5, 1975

Sunset
August 1, 2015



Saturday, August 8, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

NEW VISION TABERNACLE C.M.E. CHURCH
407 BROAD STREET • NEWARK, NJ 07104

Reverend Joseph K. Fairley, Pastor & Eulogist
Mr. Paul Gainer, Organist

Obituary

Thomas Edward Ferguson Jr. was born March 5, 1975 in Newark, New Jersey to Sandra Ferguson-Leeks.

Thomas professed a love for Christ at an early age and attended Victory Temple Church in Newark, New Jersey with Bishop Ernest Leonard.

He attended the Orange Public School District graduating from Lincoln Avenue Elementary, Orange Middle School and Orange High School class of 1993. In his early years, he played Football with Pop-Warner and continued throughout high school, his number was # 54. He always had a love for sports. He continued his football and education at Delaware State University.

Thomas Ferguson was employed at H & R Block as a Client Service Rep for two years before becoming an Office Manager at the Lyons Ave Office. Later he decided to move to Virginia to start a new venture. There he met Nailah Caldwell and her children Akilah, Thomas and Breau, then he became a dad to his three loving children. He also became a Football, Basketball and Baseball coach. He was known as Coach TJ and all the children loved him. This young man touched the hearts of everyone that he came in contact with.

On June 22, 2013, he married the love of his life.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Nailah Ferguson; children, Akilah, Thomas and Breau of Chesapeake, VA; grandmother, Mary Alexander of West Orange, New Jersey; grandfather, Jessie Alexander, Sr. of Newark; mother, Sandra Ferguson-Leeks; father, Barry Leeks of Maplewood, New Jersey; his three brothers, James Ferguson and wife, Loretta of New Jersey, Marcel R. and his wife, Kanika Hinton of Norfolk, VA and Dennis R. Hinton of Maplewood, New Jersey; one sister, Diamond C. Leeks of Maplewood, New Jersey; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family, Coach Mike and his wife, Kimberly Smith.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture & Prayer.....Rev. Joseph K. Fairly

Selection.....Soft Music

Acknowledgements

Tributes.....Kimberly Smith

Obituary.....Al Ford

Solo.....Barry G. Leeks

Words of Expressions.....2 Minutes

Eulogy.....Rev. Joseph K. Fairly

Recessional

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When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I am not there to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes are filled with tears of me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me. As much, as I love you! And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. I had so much to live for-so much yet to do. It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you: I thought of all the yesterdays- the good one and the bad. I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say goodbye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized that this could never be, for emptiness and memories would take the place of me. So when tomorrow starts without me, do not think we're far apart, for every time, you think of me. I'm right here in your heart.

Precious Moments

From the hearts of the children:

Breaun: Thank you TJ for everything you have done for me. I love you and you will always be in my heart.

Thomas: I don't even know what to say. But I remember when I first met you and I told you not to let anybody disrespect my mother. I remember when you use to coach us. Also when you stepped in and help take care of us, when we use to watch football on Sundays and pop popcorn and wrestle at half time. You taught me a lot. You helped me grow into a man. Something's I'll never understand, but I know you'll help me the best way you can. I know in the future you will continue to teach and help me. **There will be no forgetting you. You have made a big impact on my life. Everything I'm doing and will do is for you now. I love you man, and I will keep grinding. I appreciate everything and I know you're looking down watching us.**

Akilah: He was the realist *****. Only he knows what that means.

Nailah: I thank God for you every day, every minute, and every second. You will always live through me & our children. I will ALWAYS love you & you will forever be in my heart. Your SOY SAUSE.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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