

Obituary

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" II Timothy 4:7

Daryl Deshawn Bethea, Gr., the fifth of six children, was one of a set of twins born to the late Joseph and Mary Ann Bethea on February 24, 1963. He made his grand entrance into Heaven on August 4, 2015.

Waryl graduated from Frank H. Morrell High School in Irvington in 1981. He then continued his studies at Rutgers University where he played football.

Daryl began his career at the Perry Funeral Home at the age of seventeen, under the tutelage of Mr. Orlando K. Perry. To echo the sentiments of a well-wisher, "he was so perfectly placed by God to help those of us who were shocked by death." He had the gift to simply walk into the room and put everyone at ease. His concern was to serve the family and he did it exceptionally well. His compassion and understanding for grieving families allowed him to be a source of comfort to others. He was a selfless man — always putting the need of others ahead of his own. He truly helped everyone. He was one of God's finest servants to the community; the light and love of Jesus shined through him.

Daryl, known as "Handsome", "Sweet D", "Kool-Aid" and/or "Mr. DDB" (among other nicknames), was impeccably well dressed! He was always neat, well-groomed, and smelling good. He was a gentleman whose heart was made of gold! He was vibrant and full of life; a great listener who offered great advice.

Daryl had a wonderful sense of humor. His passion for cooking on the grill was incomparable; he was a "grill master" – his cookouts were the talk-of-the-town and his "special sauce" was specifically notable. Nothing was more important to Daryl than his family. A doting and devoted son to his mom, her well-being was his top priority. He looked forward to Sunday dinners at "Cha's" house; watching the game, going to the mall, spending time with his grandchildren and just hanging out were his tiny pleasures.

Daryl had an immense knowledge of sports and was well-versed in all including: football (Giants), baseball (Mets), basketball (Knicks), hockey, tennis, etc. He loved all sports and made sure he passed his passion on to his children too!

Daryl met his soon-to-be wife, Deborah Denise Plant, in the late 1980's. They began dating in 1988, engaged on Christmas 1990, and on May 9, 1992 he made her his wife. To this union, their miracle daughter, Desiree, was born. The highlights of Daryl's life included fatherhood, coaching his son's little league baseball team, giving away his first-born daughter in marriage, the birth of his grandchildren, the academic accomplishments of his middle daughter and witnessing his baby girl being able to travel abroad. He was so proud of them.

Daryl was preceded in death by his twin sister, Cheryl, and his father, Joseph.

Mr. Daryl D. Bethea, Gr. leaves to carry on his legacy: his wife, Deborah, and their daughter, Desiree; his daughter, Chasity (Robert) Gilbert, and her mother, Lisa; daughter, Sydnei, and son, Daryl, Jr. and their mother, Kym; his mother, Mother Mary Ann; his sisters, Darlene (Lorenzo) McDaniel, Annette (James) Tyson, Wendy and Patricia Payton; his brother, Joseph, Jr.; grandchildren, Emani and Amya; nieces, LaToshia (Walter) Wells and Kenia Burke; nephews, Dawaune, Lauren, Dashawn, Lamarr, and Najee. He also leaves behind: Alton and Brett who were like sons to him and Jayla who was like a daughter to him; his God-mother, Mother Flossie Gilbert; and a host of family and a multitude of friends who will forever cherish his memory, as well as the entire Perry Funeral Home staff/family.

Daryl was a gem; rare and precious. He truly impacted the lives of so many people and he will always be

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Remarks

(Tribute from Perry Funeral Home)

Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Reading of Obituary

Family Reflections

(Tribute From His Children)

Sermonic Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

Precious Memories



















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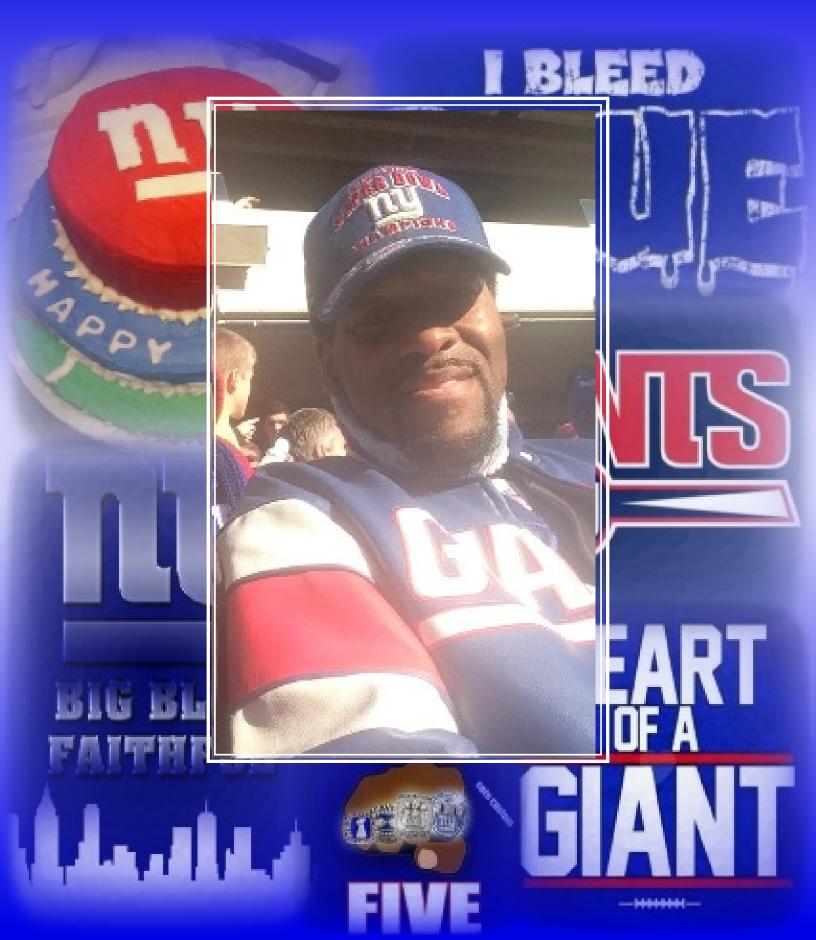








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