

In Loving Memory

Theophilus
"JahJ" Burnett

August 6, 1979 - August 31, 2026

— A True Lion From Zion —

*To all the people whose lives Theo touched, you are
invited to reminisce, grieve, support one another, and,
most of all, celebrate Theo's life:*

Jamaica

Obituary

Theo Burnett, age 47, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 31, 2026, at home while with his wife comfortably in his sleep. He was born at North Central Bronx Hospital on a Monday where his life began. August 6, 1979, to parents Clevon Burnett and Karen Browne.

He is remembered for being a dedicated husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. As well as an incredible athlete and a man with the heart of a lion.

Theo was a father of eight and a proud grandfather of two beautiful children. A true and devoted father, husband, son, brother, cousin, and friend, he was loved by many, touching so many lives for the better while he was here. He lived a life full of joy, on his own terms.

Raised in Brooklyn, NY, and often visiting England as a child, Theo was versatile and easy-going. He loved life to the fullest and was a firm believer in JAH. He loved spending time with his family, playing basketball, making jokes, and always had a way of looking at the positive things in life.

Theo loved basketball and never had a problem letting anyone know just who he was on the court. He passed his love of the game to all his sons, teaching them the art and fundamentals of the game since before they could walk, raising his children to love each other and always protect your family.

In 2024, at the young age of 45, Theo was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. He fought as long and as hard as he could, staying positive through treatments and medications to stay here with us. Theophilus was resilient — a natural-born leader who would never give up. This battle was fought with great strength and determination to the bitter end.

He will be remembered for his amazing personality, infectious laugh, kind heart, and, most of all, the legacy he has left behind and the love he has shown to so many. He will be forever missed but never forgotten. He was a true lion from Zion.

He may be gone in body, but his spirit shall continue to live on in us.

He is survived by both his parents, Clevon Burnett and Karen Browne; his beloved wife, Melora Burnett; his children, Timothy, James, Sashamoni, Marcus, Ezra, Trinity, Theophilus Jr., and Joshua Burnett; stepdaughter Mariella Bresil; his grandchildren, Kyng & Meilani Burnett; and a large, loving family of aunts, uncles, and siblings including late brother Jamie Browne, Alicia, Symoene, April, Ashley, Caveta, Patrick, Kirk, Evert, Charles, and cousins including Robyn, Darnell, Evans & Tafari, and so many more family members and friends.

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - 12:00 p.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Song Selection “Goodness of God” - Cece Winans

Scripture Readings

First Reading - Ecclesiastical Ch 12 verse 7-14 ..Ezra Burnett, Son

Second Reading - Psalm 27:1, 7-14..... Karen Browne, Mother

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Lemuel Brown

Song Selection “Spirit Leads Me” - Hillsong United

Remarks (Please limit to 2 minutes)

Family Tribute

Obituary Reading

Song Selection “Your Spirit” - Tasha Cobbs
Leonard ft. Kierra Sheard

Benediction

Recessional



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've now found peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;

Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much;

Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to brief;

Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and peace to thee,

God wanted me now-He set me free.

Acknowledgements

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

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