



*Celebrating
The Life
of*

Saleem
D. ELDRIDGE

APRIL 10, 1984 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Officiating: Rev Edward Allen

Obituary

Suddenly, on September 19, 2026, **Saleem Daniel Eldridge**, age 42, departed this life at University Hospital, Newark, NJ.

Saleem was born on April 10, 1984, to Michael A. Eldridge and Bridget Gaillard Kirk.

Saleem was educated in the Newark Public School System. Later on in life, he was a custodian, cleaning offices.

Saleem was a very happy young man. He spent most of his time making people laugh and getting on them about their football team. He was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan. You couldn't tell him nothing about his team; that was the way it was. Saleem loved his family and friends with all his heart and will truly be missed.

He leaves to cherish his memories his parents, Michael A. Eldridge and Bridget Gaillard Kirk; step-dad, Charles Kirk; siblings, Kevin, Khaell Gaillard, Sherry Kirk, and Ukema Harris; two uncles, John Gaillard (Sherisa) and Adrian Kirk (Hattie); and three aunts, Sharon Gaillard, Trena Anthony, and Tonette Anthony.

Also left to cherish his extended family are Shakira Loyal (Godmother), Cherese Loyal (companion, longtime friend), and a host of Godchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Stevie Wonder - "Ribbon In The Sky"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Whitney Houston - "I Will Always Love You"

Eulogy

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Crematory

Hillside, New Jersey

REMEMBER ME

*Don't remember me with sadness, don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter, we've shared throughout the years.*

Now I am contented that my life it was worthwhile

Knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile

When you are walking down the street and you've got me on your mind,

I'm walking in your footsteps, only half a step behind.

So please don't be unhappy, just because I'm out of sight,

Remember that I'm with you, each morning, noon and night.



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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