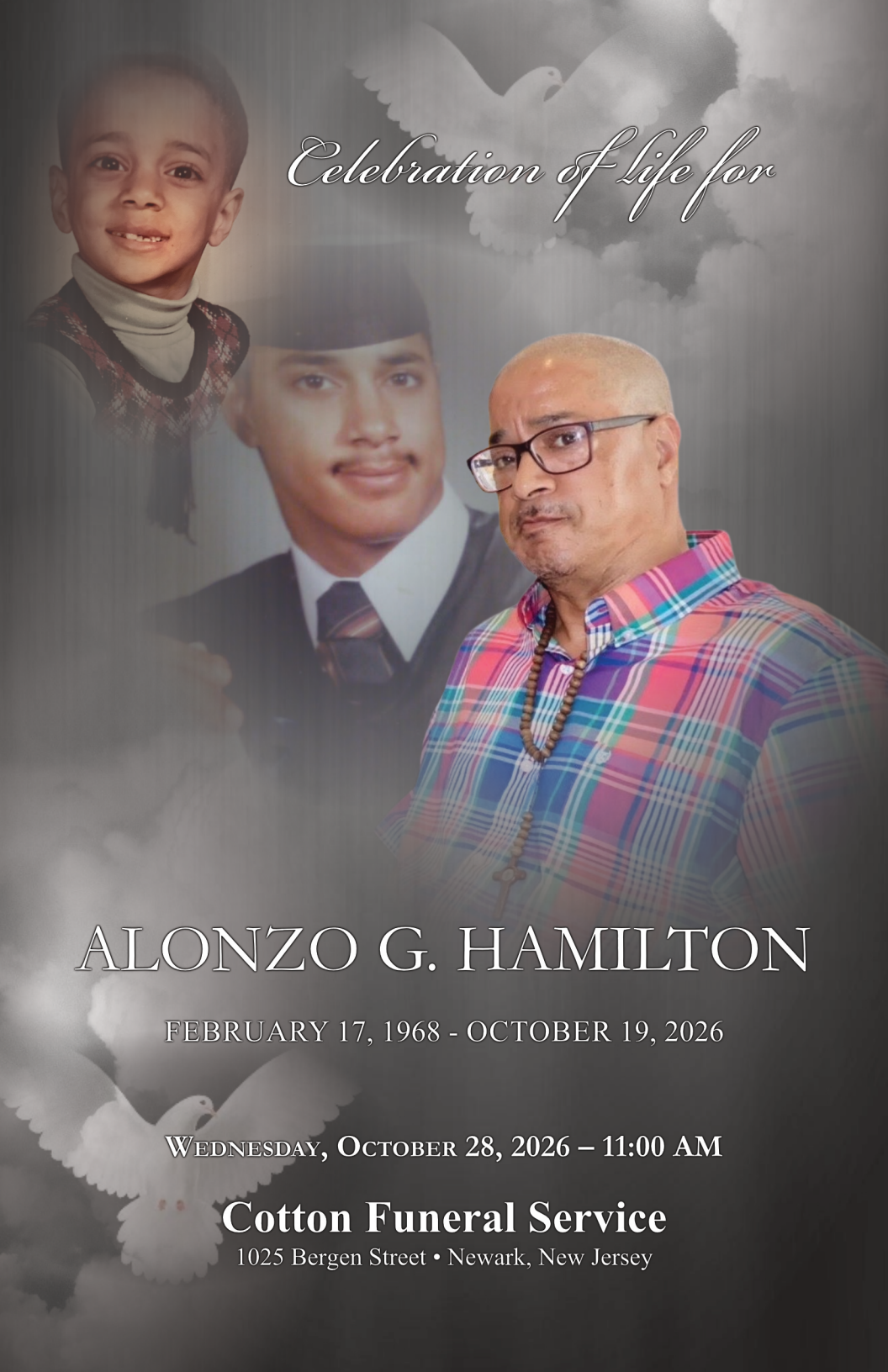




Celebration of Life for

ALONZO G. HAMILTON

FEBRUARY 17, 1968 - OCTOBER 19, 2026

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Alonzo Gene Hamilton was a beloved father, devoted son, cherished brother, and treasured friend whose love, warmth, and presence touched the lives of those fortunate enough to know him. He had a way of making ordinary moments meaningful, and the memories he created with his family and friends will forever remain a part of his lasting legacy.

Born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, Alonzo was educated in the Newark Public School system and proudly graduated from Barringer High School. Throughout his life, he remained deeply connected to his family, his community, and the people he loved most.

Above all else, Alonzo was a proud and loving father. His sons, Alonzo Hamilton Jr. and Hakeem Hamilton, were truly the apples of his eyes. He loved his children deeply and treasured every opportunity to spend time with them. Being their father brought him tremendous joy and pride, and the bond they shared was one of the greatest blessings of his life.

Alonzo also shared an especially close and loving relationship with his mother, Matilda “Diane” Hamilton. Their weekly dates were more than simply time spent together; they became treasured traditions filled with conversation, laughter, companionship, and love. Those special moments will forever hold a precious place in her heart.

Alonzo knew how to enjoy life. He loved swimming and had a genuine passion for fishing, particularly at Branch Brook Park, where he could spend peaceful hours casting his line. In keeping with his gentle spirit, Alonzo enjoyed the thrill of the catch but would often release the fish back into the water afterward.

Music was another important part of Alonzo’s life. He especially loved house music, and when the right song came on, he was never afraid to showcase his footwork on the dance floor. Whether surrounded by family or friends, music had a way of bringing out his energetic and joyful personality.

And then there was Alonzo’s cooking.

Those fortunate enough to enjoy a meal prepared by him knew that he could truly cook. He took pride in preparing good food, and his meals had a way of bringing people together. Whether he was cooking for family, friends, or simply enjoying time in the kitchen, he put care into what he prepared. Like so many things in his life, food became another way for Alonzo to share himself with the people he loved.

Alonzo was also a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, where his connection to faith and community remained an important part of his life.

He was blessed to have loving godparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crooms of East Orange, New Jersey, who held a special place in his life and heart.

Alonzo was preceded in death by his father, Gene Robert Hamilton, and his brothers, Marc Terrence “Sal” Hamilton and Maceo Robert Hamilton. Their memories remained a part of him throughout his life’s journey.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted mother, Matilda “Diane” Hamilton; his beloved sons, Alonzo Hamilton Jr. and Hakeem Hamilton; his godparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crooms of East Orange, New Jersey; and a loving host of aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

Although Alonzo’s physical presence will be deeply missed, the love he gave, the laughter he shared, the meals he prepared, the music that moved him, the fishing trips he enjoyed, and the countless memories he created will continue to live on.

His footsteps may no longer grace the dance floor, and his fishing line may no longer touch the waters of Branch Brook Park, but the imprint Alonzo left upon the hearts of those who loved him can never be erased.

His life was a gift.

His love was genuine.

His memories are priceless.

And his legacy will live on through the people he loved most.

Rest peacefully, Alonzo. Your life will forever be remembered, your love will forever be felt, and you will forever remain in our hearts.

Order of Service

Selection

“Gone Too Soon” Micheal Jackson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of comfort

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

“Walk Around Heaven Might Clouds Of Joy”

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial

Kenilworth ,NJ





The Love You Leave Behind

Though your song has reached its final note,
Its melody will linger on—
In every memory, every smile,
In the hearts of those you've loved.

We'll remember quiet days of fishing,
And the laughter shared with your sons;
The special time beside your mother,
The love that made those moments one.

Though we can no longer see your face
Or hear your voice each day,
The bonds you built, the love you gave
Will never fade away.

Rest gently, Alonzo,
Your love remains, your spirit stays—
Forever cherished, forever remembered,
In the hearts you touched along the way.



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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