


## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## Acknowledgement

*The family of Derrick L. Belvin Sr. wishes to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and condolences expressed during this difficult time.*
*Special Thank you to Reverend Dr. David Jefferson Sr. Esq. and Reverend Linda Jefferson and the Metropolitan Church family.*

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# Derrick Lamarr Belvin Sr.

November 20, 1967 – October 25, 2026

## Celebration of Life

**Thursday, November 5, 2026**

| Viewing | Service |
|---|---|
| 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | 10:00 AM |

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**
*Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.*
149 Springfield Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

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**Nesbitt Funeral Home**



## This is Not Goodbye...

*I did not want to leave you*
*It was just my time to go*
*I know your heart is breaking*
*So, I need to let you know*
*That although you can no longer see me*
*I'll be forever by your side*
*I promise time will numb the pain*
*And help dry the tears you've cried*
*You can reach me in your memories*
*Just think of me, I will be there*
*In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear*
*Where we didn't have a care*
*Please carry on and live your life*
*I beg of you to try*
*Just know we'll meet again one day*
*As this is not goodbye*












# PRECIOUS MEMORIES








# Order of Service

**Musical Tribute**
Saxophonist David Cross

**Processional**

**Musical Selection**
Nancy Salters

**Prayer of Comfort**
Dr. Yashima Thomas-Jones

**Scripture Reading**
*Rev. Dr. Iola E. Williams, Retired Pastor, AME Church*
Old Testament
New Testament

**Resolutions and Cards**
Metropolitan Member

**Remarks (2 minutes)**
Ameerah Boone, Will Thomas, Patricia Perkins-Auguste

**Musical Selection**
Nancy Salters

**Derrick's Journey(Obituary)**
Madinah Hawkins

**Musical Selection**
Nancy Salters

**Eulogy**
Rev. Dr. David Jefferson Sr. Esq.

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**Pallbearers**

Lamar Boone
Wendell Belvin
Floyd Whitehead
Laron TaylorBelvin
Jerome Belvin
Stanley Newborn
Troy Whitehead
Sean Belvin

ORDER OF CELEBRATION



**Derrick Lamarr Belvin** was born on November 20, 1967, to Lizzie Maye Belvin and Ezell Wheeler in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He began his education at School 13, continued at Grover Cleveland School, and later graduated from Elizabeth High School in 1985.

Derrick loved sports from an early age and was the star of his Little League baseball team. He remained a loyal fan of the Miami Dolphins and New York Yankees throughout his life. He also enjoyed listening to The Temptations and watching his favorite television show, In the Heat of the Night.

Derrick cherished the time he spent with his brothers, John Douglas, Esham, and Laron, often enjoying hours together watching sports. Above all, he loved spending time with his children. He could spend hours talking about sports with his son, Rasheed. He was proud that his son, DJ, attended Bloomfield College and had the opportunity to travel abroad. He also treasured celebrating his daughter Starr's Sweet 16 birthday and High School graduation. Derrick was always there for his children, offering a listening ear, encouragement, and unconditional love whenever they needed him.

Derrick was an intelligent man who loved learning. He enjoyed reading the newspaper, completing crossword puzzles, and solving Sudoku puzzles. He had a special love for numbers and mathematics, particularly algebra. He also deeply appreciated his mother's home-cooked meals and, most importantly, treasured his family.

Derrick was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where he was baptized, gave his life to God, and sang in the choir. He was affectionately known as "Choir Boy." Derrick was known for his great sense of humor, warm personality, and ability to light up any room. He had a big heart, loved helping others, and was someone, family and friends could always count on.

Derrick departed this life on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at home. He was preceded in death by his father, Ezell Wheeler; John Flowers, who raised him; his grandparents, Adell Wheeler, Hazel V. Wheeler, and Buddy Flowers; his sister, Ericka Graves; and his aunts, Annie Caldwell, Della Bates, Wilhelmenia Bates, Dot Bragg, his maternal grandparents John and Anna Mae Belvin and Lillian Flowers and so many more.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory his children, Rasheed McCrimmon, Derrick L. Belvin Jr., and Denise Starr Belvin; his beloved mother, Lizzie Maye Belvin Flowers; his grandmother, Queen Flowers; his brothers, John D. Flowers, Laron Belvin Taylor, and Esham Graves; and his bonus children, the Boone siblings.

He also leaves to cherish his memory his special uncles, Charles, David, Gilbert, Aziz, John Lee, and Herman; his special aunts, Larretha, Beverly, Gladys, Avis, Lena, Geraldine, Sharon, Minnie, Leola and Bessie; and his bonus aunts, ( ALL his mother's dear friends).

He will also be lovingly remembered by his special cousins, Pamela, Kevin, Eric, Troy, Floyd, Jerome, and Melissa; his Jacksonville first cousins, Miami first cousins, North Carolina first cousins, New Jersey cousins, and many others.

He is also survived by his god-sisters Marva B.Washington, Tamika West, Tahara Rhodes, and god-brothers Radee Willis and Jerome Belvin, along with his lifelong friend, Stanley Newborn, and his Sunday Best Family.

A special thank you to Valerie Armour for her unwavering love, strength, and compassionate care for Derrick throughout his chemotherapy journey. Your dedication, encouragement, and steadfast support during such a challenging time have been truly invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Special Thank You to Theresa Boone and Family, Shameelah Taylor and the Newborn Family.

Though Derrick is no longer with us, his love, laughter, kindness, and faith will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. We find comfort in knowing that he is resting in the arms of his Heavenly Father.

Derrick will forever be remembered for his love of family, his laughter, his kindness, and the special memories he created with everyone blessed to know him. His presence will be deeply missed, but his love and legacy will live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Derrick will forever be loved, deeply missed, and never forgotten. May he rest in eternal peace.

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE