

Celebrating the Life of



Shawn L. Jackson

Sunrise
December 10, 1972

Sunset
September 13, 2012

Service

Sunday, September 23, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

256 Rosa Park Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Shawn Lajuane Jackson, the only child of Ada Novella Jackson and the late Ambers Rose Jr., was born in Paterson, NJ on December 10, 1972. He was born and raised in Paterson, and moved to Bergenfield, NJ during his high school years, attending Bergenfield High School. There, he was a popular student and a proud member of the basketball and track teams, two sports in which he excelled and greatly enjoyed. After high school, Shawn attended Bergen County Community College where he took classes to become a personal trainer.

In 1996 Shawn decided to enter the military, and began active duty in the United States Navy, on February 7th. He received basic training in Chicago, and was subsequently stationed in San Diego. Shawn took advantage of all the Navy had to offer, touring the world, visiting many countries including the Philippines, Thailand, the Middle East and Australia. Being the outgoing, warm and loving person that he was, he made friends everywhere he went. After an honorable discharge from the military, Shawn remained in San Diego for a while and then lived in Florida before settling in Woodland Park to be near his family.

Shawn was a big sports fan (go Dallas)! He loved his sneakers and always made sure he had sneakers to match whatever outfit he was wearing. Shawn also loved his music. He was always making mixed CD's that he enjoyed listening to while driving. He recently added extra speakers for extra bass in his truck so you could hear him coming before you could see him. Shawn, like many others in his family, also loved a good meal. He was always ready for a home cooked meal prepared by his mom, and was always ready to go out to eat. He loved all kinds of food. He tried some really exotic dishes while he was touring the Far East.

During his brief life, Shawn gained many friends from all walks of life. He was a gentle giant with a loving heart. Everyone he met commented on his beautiful smile and warm and welcoming personality. Shawn was always willing to help you out in any way that he could. He attended and was a Watch Care Member of Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church in East Orange, NJ.

Shawn, who was preceded in death by his father, Ambers; grandfather, John; and uncle, "Chip", passed away on September 13, 2012. He will be missed by all who knew him, but none as much as those who loved him dearly; his mother, Ada; maternal grandmother, Carrie; paternal grandmother, Bessie; uncle, Marvin; aunts, Aleshia, Christine and Angie; cousins, Jonathan and Taylor, and a host of other relatives and friends. Shawn loved his family and was loved deeply by them in return. He will be truly missed.

God, grant me the Serenity
To Accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And Wisdom to know the difference.

Order of Service

Opening Remarks

Prayer of Comfort

Passage from the Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Jonathan Jackson

Musical Selection: “Beautiful Boy”

John Lennon

Passage from the New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 51-54

Taylor Smythe

Poem

Lonnie Mickens

Reflections

Obituary

Barbet Rucker

Musical Selection: “Walk Around Heaven”

Grover Jackson

Eulogy

Reverend Dr. Leora Liggins

Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ

Committal

Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

Beautiful Boy (Darling Boy)

Writer: JOHN LENNON

Close your eyes, have no fear The monster's gone,
he's on the run and your mamma's here

[Chorus:]

Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful

Beautiful boy

Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful

Beautiful boy

Before you go to sleep, say a little prayer
Every day in every way it's getting better and better

Chorus

Out on the ocean sailing away I can hardly wait to see you come of age
But I guess we'll both just have to be patient

'Cause it's a long way to go A hard row to hoe

Yes it's a long way to go But in the meantime

Before you cross the street Take my hand Life is what happens to you
While you're busy making other plans

Chorus

Before you go to sleep, say a little prayer Every day in every way
it's getting better and better

Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful

Beautiful boy

Darling, darling, darling

Darling Sean

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Shawn L. Jackson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown by so many family members and friends.

Shawn's mom would like to extend a special thank you to Eileen Herndon, (my Siamese Twin); Jeanette Spruill, (my Pit Bull); Barbet Rucker, (my Rock); and Jeanelle Anthony, (my Techie) for their loving support.

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