

*In Loving Memory of*



*Tony Tvey, Jr.*

Sunrise

January 24, 1995

Sunset

January 3, 2017

*Friday, January 13, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

# **METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

149 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

## ***Order of Service***

Processional

Solo

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional

*Repast*

*Mercato Tomato Pie, 212 Market Street, Newark, NJ*

## ***Acknowledgement***

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

# Obituary

**Tony Malik Ivey Jr.** was born on January 24, 1995 at Columbus Hospital in Newark at approximately 6:33pm weighing 7lbs 11oz to parents Cassandra Jetter-Ivey and Tony Ivey. An only child, Tony Jr. was Momma's "Suggabear." Little Tony was stubborn even while he was still in the womb. He was two weeks overdue and seemingly had no intentions of coming out. During his birth, the doctors initially could not locate him because he was resting under the ribs and laying on Momma's heart. Momma's quote to the doctor was, "You better pull something out of me!" Finally, out came Tony, his eyes sparkling with wonder. Tony was the happiest baby. He laughed all the time and nothing could make him sit still.

Growing up, Tony participated in a variety of sports and activities such as fencing and track but his greatest affection was football. Although Momma was never thrilled with the idea of her son playing football, she saw the passion in her son's eyes and just didn't have the heart to tell him "no." One day while watching a basketball game at Barringer High School, at the age of 9, Tony spotted a local Pop Warner football coach by the name of Marcus Laws, and yelled with excitement, "Hey you're a football coach! I want to play! My mom is right there!" Momma reluctantly relented and that was the beginning of Tony's life in the game he adored so much.

Tony began his football career with the Northward Cardinals and later advanced to the Northward Scorpions under the leadership of Coach Nazir Gaines. After Pop Warner, Tony was accepted to Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, NJ. However his passion was to play for his hometown of Newark alongside his peers.

Tony "The Rocket," as he was nicknamed by his teammates and coaches, was so excited to step on the field at Malcom X Shabazz under the leadership of Coach Darnell Grant and his teammates. After two great years under Coach Grant, Tony transferred to Weequahic High School where he played varsity football for one year. However, Tony missed playing with his teammates under Coach Grant and ultimately decided to transfer back to Malcom X Shabazz High School to finish his high school football journey where it began.

After Tony proudly graduated high school in June 2014, he enrolled at Essex County College. Over the next two years, Tony attended classes and worked a part-time job at Mercato Tomato Pie in Newark. After successfully completing his education at Essex County College, he transferred to Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, where he soared. In December 2016, Tony received a letter confirming that he would be returning to the football field to play for Benedict the following season. Tony was ecstatic. He missed football, and there is no doubt that the game missed him.

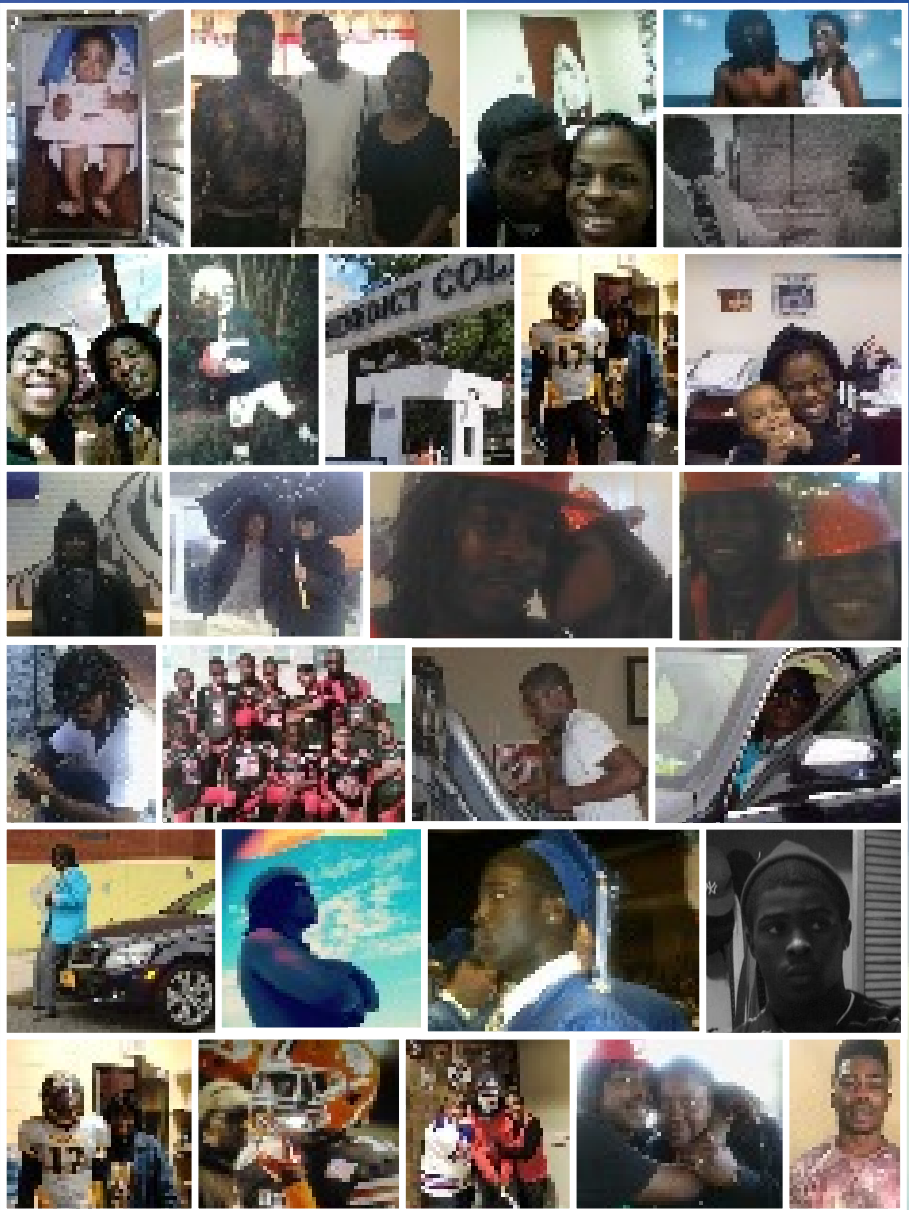
Tony was, and continues to be, the apple of his mother's eye and his mother was the apple of his eye. The world could see the love they had for each other. Tony carried with him such an amazing, humorous personality and a great heart. He would drop everything to help somebody in need, no matter who it was. He touched the lives of so many. His energy was infectious. He had a way of making everyone special.

Tony leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Cassandra Jetter-Ivey; father, Tony Ivey; grandmothers, Diane Ivey and Alberta Green; and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends

While Tony's spirit has transitioned to a place of peace, he will always be with us in our hearts, looking over us and guiding us as we continue our journey.

The family thanks you for all your love and support.

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