

Celebrating the Life of

Ray

Allen

Lucas

Sunrise
January 23, 1996

Sunset
August 6, 2017

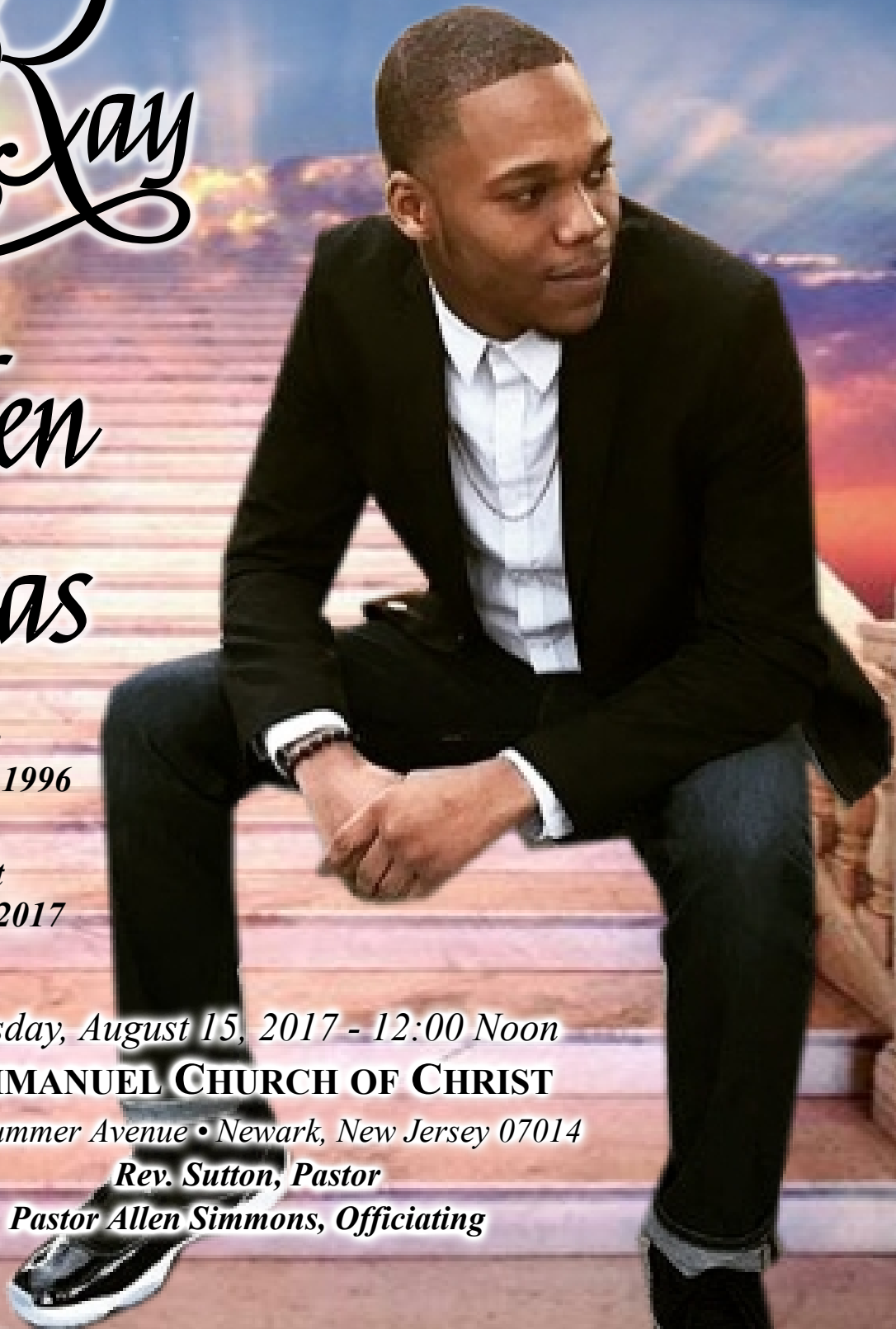
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

EMMANUEL CHURCH OF CHRIST

198 Summer Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07014

Rev. Sutton, Pastor

Pastor Allen Simmons, Officiating



Obituary

Ray Allen Lucas was born January 23, 1996 at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey to parents Tia LeGrande and Frank Lucas, Sr. Ray was the youngest of 9 siblings including: Ruby & Ruth, Anthony, Rodney, Frankie, Francine, Candice, Christina and Frederick.

Ray was our baby, he was the embodiment of PURE LOVE and he brought so much Joy into our lives. No matter what kind of day we would face or what was going on in the world, Ray brought us "joy!"

He started pre-school at the tender age of 3 where he attended the Newark Day School to 1st grade. And at age 7, he continued his education at St. Philip's Academy where he studied from 2nd to 8th grade.

While at St Philip's, Ray was a committed and devoted student who was very supportive of his school and extracurricular activities. He displayed excellent leadership skills, participated in Community Service Day for 5 years and also served as a School Ambassador & Tour Guide on the welcoming committee for prospective students and their families. Ray loved school. In 7th grade, he won the "I Have a Dream" essay contest out of 300 competing classmates. His dream was for non-violent conflict resolution on school campuses across the nation. For this achievement he was featured on a channel 12 NJ News broadcast and also received accolades from then Mayor of the City of Newark, (Senator) Cory Booker.

His favorite sport was basketball, he also enjoyed social networking, traveling and cultural studies later joining the Japanese Club and playing on the basketball team at his school. Ray studied three languages before he graduated from St. Philip's including French, Spanish and Latin. He was always a young man who wanted to expand his horizons and to achieve greater things in his life.

In faith, he received Christ at a very young age and was baptized at the Emmanuel Church of Christ Disciples of Christ in Newark, New Jersey under the presiding Bishop Harold N. Foy, where the Lucas Family have maintained active membership for decades.

Becoming a young man, he obtained his first job during the summer of 2013 working as a Sales Associate for Aeropostale at the Livingston Mall in Livingston, New Jersey. The following year, Ray graduated from Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey in the Class of 2014.

Prior to leaving for college, he spent the summer of 2014 as an assistant coach and youth mentor for the Junior Pop Warner Football League in Newark providing supervision, encouragement and motivational support for inner-city youth.

In pursuing his ambition and dedication in furthering his education and career goals he went on to attend college that fall at the University of New Haven and then later to Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut where Ray was an aspiring Sports Management Major.

While attending school as a full-time student, Ray also held down a part-time job as an Associate in Residence Life and was an active member of an on campus mentoring group called B.R.O.S. In college, he was a friendly & familiar face with a bright smile who was very popular and well liked by all students and faculty.

To know him was to simply "love him." He made us laugh and smile as he was just a fun & loving person to be around.

His life and presence was and always will be a blessing to us and all that were blessed to have known him.

Ray leaves to cherish & celebrate his life besides his mom, dad and immediate family: Aunts Ms. Emma Moye & Mattie Lassiter, Gerilyn, Ruby & Gladys Lucas, Marian Fox, Vernelle and Janice Legrande. Uncles Levon, Ezelle, and Lawrence Lucas, Tyree Barnes, Mark & Shawn LeGrande. Cousins Diane, Joanne, Juliette, Ricky, Steve, Iscon Moye. Haze, Shaun, Coco, Teresa, Demetrius, Quasem, Keion, Joyce, Leon, Marjorie, Al Jr, Jovanna, Quan, Travis, Lisa, Levon Jr., Quanisha, Marquis, Kiki, Khloe, Shawnie & Shannelle, Marc Jamal and Russell LeGrande. Including his girlfriends, Sally and countless additional cousins, nieces & nephews. A host of classmates, faculty, extended family and very dear friends!

He Was GOD'S Gift to Us & We Will ALL LOVE HIM FOREVER!

Order of Service



Musical Prelude

Processional



SuSu Bobien

Musical Selection

SuSu Bobien

Prayer

Pastor Kevin Sutton

Scripture

Old Testament

Minister

New Testament

Minister

Musical Selection

SuSu Bobien

Signing

Zakia

Words of Comfort

Dr. Christopher Catching
Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
Sally (Girlfriend)
Christina Jackson (Sister)

Acknowledgement

Christina Jackson

Obituary

Christina Jackson

Remarks

Tiawana LeGrande and Frank Lucas

Eulogy

Pastor Allen H. Simmons
The Greater Victory Sounds of Praise

Benediction.....

Pastor Allen H. Simmons

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

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Emmanuel Church of Christ,
Disciples of Christ
198 Summer Avenue, Newark, NJ

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Love Child Poem

by Ray's Mother Tia

Born, my dream... My lovechild.

I promise to forever treasure.

You... sent to me on angels wings.

My tears inscribed.. then signed your name,

A lovesong!

True work of art, gifted in your humanity, sculpture of my Heart.

The visions of all our tomorrow's, lived with each passing day.

A Blessing.

You, being the sum of two that we now embraced as one.

When you came you gave a meaning to life - Your father a reason to live & keep living!

More than just part of him or me.... You are destiny fulfilled. Meant to Be!

In your eyes I see the hope for a better world.

Ambitions. Dreams.

Of every wish or want to grant or give.... LOVE, is the greatest of these.

Imagine.

The possibilities!

Through life I rock the cradle, bearing in fruit, desire sweet... pure.

Absolute Truth.

Trials endured & what it took as a mother to give and receive such a measure of happiness.

Holding you for the first time in my arms at birth, who knew it could be this beautiful.

In that moment, embracing the power of pro-creation. A divine gift of the Most High Creator.

Thanking God for Life! & The privilege of a family line. Purpose has an amazing way of fulfilling itself.

When chance permitted, time seized the opportunity for your father and I to meet.

No one will ever love you more than me and him did.

He was suave, debonair. Tall & handsome. A fascinating man by nature.

No stranger to danger. A man who lived by a will that was strong.

One acquainted with the struggle associated with pain.

Deep despair, he knew he had to make his way in the world.

Unseen, was a path paved not known for the extraordinary riches that he would see.

Renown, in his lifetime.

Oh sweet child of mine

I say with a prayer, though it took much to stay.

I'm glad I endured for the joy that would become you.

And the smile you brought & still bring every time I see your face... Child of mine.

By the grace of God, you've grown to become a man who reflected all of the good qualities of your dad.

The strength that defined his character.

And the courage & determination that fulfilled the stature of his hopes and dreams.

You lived life phenomenal & never feared.... to be. everything you were born to be

The Future is Yours, to be An Angel now, smiling on us from above.

My Lovechild.<3

Acknowledgements

The family of the late **Ray Allen Lucas** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow. First to Friends and family.

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