

In Loving Memory of
Anthony Kirksey
September 13, 1964 - May 22, 2018



Tuesday, May 29, 2018
10:00 a.m. Viewing
12 p.m. Service

United Methodist Church
287 Park Avenue Orange, NJ 07050
Rev. H. Grady James III, M. A CCE, LC, Pastor Officiating



Obituary

Anthony Kirksey was a beloved father, brother, uncle and friend. He was born September 13, 1964 in Newark NJ to his late parents Sara Lou Kirksey and Matthew Garrett. Anthony was the eighth of nine children; his parents and two siblings Deborah Kirksey and Shirby Kirksey preceded him in death. He leaves behind to mourn his six siblings, Brenda Richards Ross (husband Floyd Ross), Michele Cureton (husband James Cureton), Oliver Kirksey, Michael Kirksey, Cynthia Kirksey and Cassandra Kirksey.

Anthony went on to receive his high school diploma from Malcolm X Shabazz High School in 1982. One of his favorite activities after getting home from school was hanging out at “The White House,” home of his god-brothers Peter and Russell White. He then attended Essex County College in 1984 and graduated with an Associates Degree in Business Administration.

While pursuing his Associates Degree, he started working for New Jersey Department of Transportation. Anthony climbed the ladder, working his way from an entry position as a Maintenance Worker 2 and 1, to a Truck Driver, Landscape Technician, Assistant Crew Supervisor Highway Maintenance, Assistant Crew Supervisor Highway Marking, to eventually becoming Crew Supervisor Highway Maintenance. After 32 years of hard work, dedication and service; Anthony was on his way to retiring from NJ DOT in December of 2018.

Anthony officially became a Master Mason through Bethel Lodge #10 in June 2008. In 2010, He

received his 32nd Degree, Sardonias Consistory #41. He went on to become Worshipful Master of Bethel Lodge #10 from 2013 - 2015. He was reelected into that position again in 2017-2018.

Anthony became a member of Bethlehem Chapter #41 in 2009. He was elected Worthy Patron from 2011-2012, and again in 2016-2017. He also held the position of Associate Patron from 2017-2018. Anthony also became the Grand District Lecturer of the 8Th Order of the Eastern Star District from 2016-2018. He was one of very few to hold the title of Associate Patron, Grand District Lecturer, and Worshipful Master simultaneously.

For those who knew him, Anthony was the greatest man. To his children, family and friends he was no ordinary man. He touched the lives of many, leaving his fingerprint on the hearts of every person he came in contact with. He was generous, inviting, warm and genuine. He was best known for his practical jokes and making everyone laugh and always having a smile on his face. His smile was like a uniform and he wore it every single day. He enjoyed being around his friends and family, he was the life of the party.

Anthony Kirksey leaves behind to mourn his children Carl L. King and Niteze “Nikki” King (Wife), Lamar Jones, Leesha Tucker, and Tradaius “Dude Man” Tucker (Husband),. He also leaves his beloved girlfriend Elkiki Johnson and the mothers of his children and life long friends Carla Pridgen and Dawn Jones. He also leaves behind grandchildren Jayda Clegg, and Carl L. King Jr., Along with many, many Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Family, Extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude & Family Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. H Grady James III, M.A CCE, LC, Pastor

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23

New Testament Readings Revelation 14:13

Selection

Poetry Reading Yanaja Joyner

Reflections

Selection

Reading of the Obituary

Eulogy..... Rev. H. Grady James III, M.A CCE, LC, Pastor

Benediction

Pallbearers

Darrin Williams
Darrin Williams Jr.
Germaine Murchison
Jacqueem Winston
Shawn Smith
Craig Burns

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
408 Orange Road
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

A Silent Tear

Just close your eyes and you will see
All the memories that you have of me
Just sit and relax and you will find
I'm really still there inside your mind

Don't cry for me now I'm gone
For I am in the land of song
There is no pain, there is no fear
So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark and cold
For here I am, no longer old
I'm in that place that's filled with love
Known to you all, as "up above"

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.

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