

In Loving Memory of



Roy Anthony McClaire, Sr.

"Papa Lover"

May 30, 1949 - February 2, 2019

Service

Saturday, February 16, 2019 - 12:00 Noon

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

856 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey

Obituary

Roy Anthony McClaire Sr., (aka) “Papa Lover” was born on May 30, 1949 to the late Joselyn and Gladys McClaire at the Jubilee hospital in Kingston Jamaica. He departed this life on Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2019. Roy was raised in Jamaica where he attended Friendship All Age School in the parish of Hanover Jamaica. After leaving school, Roy went to work at Campbell’s Kitchen. He left Campbell’s Kitchen and went to work in the food service industry at Sangster’s International Airport in Montego Bay, Jamaica. In 1978, Roy migrated to the United States to join his parents and siblings. He immediately adjusted to his new country and embraced his new lifestyle. Having an affinity for food service, Roy secured a job at Dobbs packing food and snacks for some of the major airlines that flew out of Newark Airport. He loved his job and was a dedicated employee.

Roy loved music and he always held high his Jamaican roots. He enjoyed playing music in his spare time and was even contacted to play at weddings and parties. Roy’s love for music allowed him to meet the love of his life, Annette, while playing at a house warming party. It was love at first sight! While Roy had embraced his new country he was looking for love. Annette entered the party and immediately caught Roy’s attention. He knew he had to make his move to be sure Annette didn’t get away from him. Annette and Roy developed an unbreakable bond which lasted forty years. Roy was a family man and this connection extended to Annette’s two brothers. He befriended her two brothers and their love for music entangled with Roy’s which led to them hanging out and playing music together. It was during those times that Roy became known as “Papa Lover”. Roy and Annette fell in love and they married in 1984. Their love was infectious and they were often seen flirting with each other. Annette would smile and light up whenever Roy was around and he beamed with love and joy because of his deep love for Annette.

What fueled his life and brought him joy was cooking and playing music. The house was never quiet as his large speakers would vibrate the entire house while playing his favorite Jamaican tunes. In the summer you could always find him in a tank top, Jamaican flag tied around his head, and shorts behind a grill making his infamous jerk chicken. All he needed to see was a little sun outside and he would say “It’s a perfect day to grill”. You could not come to his home without him offering you something to eat or drink. His family would tease him calling him “feed the nation” and he would reply by saying “it’s only food”.

His smile was affectionate. He told the best jokes and his humor would light up any room. He loved his country and he always had a story to tell which would seem to go on for hours. Roy truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures. He had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

“Papa Lover” was everything to us and we were everything to him. We were not ready for him to leave. Our tears are a mixture of sadness and joy. We are sad he is no longer here but we find joy in knowing he was with us and that his presence in our lives made everyday worthwhile! Roy will be remembered whenever we hear his favorite tunes; think of his stories about Jamaica; reminisce about his joking nature; eat jerk chicken; and whenever we think of our husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. Roy is preceded in death by his parents Joselyn and Gladys, siblings Carl, Keith, and Edna, and his children Hopeton and Vinton. He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Annette, children Jasmine, O’Neil, Venesha, Nicole, and Tony. Brother Dorel (Joyce), Sisters Grace, Enid, Daphne (Robert) Jones; two uncles, Ansel (Deleta) Blake and Corsel Lawson, Sister-in-Law Julie McClaire; his Mother-in-Law, Mary Jaichon; 12 grandchildren, 2 great grand children and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his Big Yard Family.

Order of Service

Processional.....Family and Ministries

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading
Old Testament Beverly Whittingham
New Testament

SelectionNew Bethel Baptist Church Mass Choir

Family Remarks..Jahnasia & Kyaona, Nicole McClaire, Daphne Jones

AcknowledgmentSis. Katrina Watkins Church Clerk

Obituary..... Dr. Frederick D. Williams

Poem on Behalf of WifeDarcia O'brien

Solo.....Sis. Phylicia Hall

EulogyPastor Orlando T. Riley Sr.

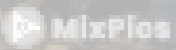
RecessionalNew Bethel Baptist Church Mass Choir

INTERMENT
Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Friends are invited to join the family for repast at The Family Manor,
795 Sanford Avenue in Newark immediately following the interment

Pall Bearers

Dorel McClaire Jr. Mario McClaire
Michael Rodriguez Withmore Birch Jr.
Edwin Morris Norman Jaichon





“We all live on borrowed time. People come and go so unexpectedly we sometimes forget that nothing really lasts as long as we hope they would”

Acknowledgement

For all the kindness you have shown. We thank you very much.
 For sympathy in sorrowing days. For friendships healing touch.
 With gratitude our hearts are full though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness. We hold for you today.
 The Family

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