

Celebration of Life For

A portrait of Isaac J. Durette Sr., a man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a blue shirt and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera. The background of the portrait is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with a cloudy sky in shades of blue, orange, and white.

Isaac J. Durette Sr.

April 12, 1957 - March 29, 2019

Service

Friday, April 5, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

235 Seymour Avenue #251, Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Ralph Branch, Officiating

Obituary



Isaac J. Durette was born on April 12th, 1957 in Newark, NJ to Clara J. Fleming and step father Samuel E. Fleming. Isaac came up in the Essex County School Districts attending Hawthorne Elementary and graduating from Arts High School. He attended Essex County College for a brief period of time in which he became intrigued with politics.

As a child, it was said that Isaac was a good child and gave his mother little to no problems growing up. He was an only child. Isaac met his queen Marlon Studdeton on a blind date with friends and later on married her on April 14th, 1979. Out of that union came two sons, Isaac Durette Jr. and Taurean Durette.

As a young adult, Isaac had many hats as far as employment was concerned. He started out as an EMT first responder for Ambicare, Clinicab, and the Hillside ambulance squad. Five years after employment with Ambicare, Isaac made his transition into the role that many of us are familiar with as an Essex County employee. Here, Isaac held titles such as the Transportation Supervisor with the Essex County Special Transportation Division. He also worked under the division on aging department right before he was given the title Program Development Specialist under the division of Senior Services. Isaac stayed busy as the titles kept coming in. Isaac became the Essex County Board of Elections liaison for a brief period of time as well as a S.H.I.P counselor for the state of New Jersey (Senior health insurance program) Isaac was also a member of New Jersey Council on special transportation and last but not least, Isaac ran for the Special Senate Election in November of 1999 against Sharpe James and Eleanor Garcia.

Isaac showed his children and friends what is was to be a man. He provided for and loved his family. He sacrificed a lot of holidays and free time so that his family could have the things that were needed and necessary. Isaac showed his children the difference between wants and needs. Isaac was big on education and reading as well. He was an advocate for learning and possibly God's best pupil.

Unfortunately, on the morning of March 29th, 2019, Isaac was called home after his long fight with stage 4 lung cancer. His family and friends provided him strength and support for the entire fight as well as his own ambition to fight and will to live. He passed away peacefully at home with his family.

He is preceded by his uncle Eddie Durette and great grandson baby Rome Salvatore Carbajal.

Isaac leaves behind him his parents, Sam and Clara Fleming, his wife Marlon Durette, 4 sons Kirt, Terry, and Taurean Durette as well as Quasim Murphy, his grandchildren: Joshua, Alexis, Isaac III, Quincy and Miles Durette and a host of friends and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Opening Selection Church Choice

Scripture Reading Clergy & Family

Prayer of Comfort John 14: 1-3

Music Selection

Obituary and Acknowledgements

Music Selection

Eulogy

Closing Prayer



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Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:
II Timothy 4:7*



***Thanks to the Church, Funeral Parlor,
Special Friends and Family Members.***

I personally would like to thank everyone who has been there to comfort us during this rough time in our life. Everyone who was there for him and had an opportunity to share moments with my dad during his last days. I want to thank Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and Rev. Branch first and foremost. Secondly, we want to thank Cotton Funeral Home for their services. I want to thank Ray Williams for being his friend for all these years and keeping him laughing and supporting him when he was home. My dad talked about you all the time. I also would like to thank Janet Parker for all her efforts and being a good friend and making him the teas and meals he enjoyed so much. I want to thank Ms. Manita Seabrooks-Kelley for all of her years of friendship. Ms. Manita has been here with us during my Dads passing and I can't thank her enough for all that she has done for me and my mom since he has passed on. I want to thank Ms. Jackie and Latoya Mitchell for always going above and beyond the call of duty for our family during these times, good and bad. You are all loved and appreciated.

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