



In Loving Memory of
Naquan W. Lewis

Born: June 1, 1987

Deceased: April 3, 2019

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

MT. MORIAH A.M.E. CHURCH

16-20 Francis Lewis Blvd. • Cambria Heights, New York

Rev. Robert E. Lowe officiating

The Story of NaQuan Wilson Lewis “Nahi-

On June 1st, 1987 NaQuan Wilson Lewis “Nahiir” was born to William “Will” Johnson and Rosemarie “Marie” Lewis in Brookdale Hospital Brooklyn, NY. After experiencing the loss of his father at 2 years old it was 5 years later when Rose met then married her current spouse Wallace Oliver who continued to accept and love NaQuan as his own.

NaQuan moved to Queens, NY where he grew up in a household that enjoyed laughter, fellowship and always put God first. While attending Mount Moriah AME Church with his parents and before he went off to pursue greater opportunities in higher learning, NaQuan fully accepted Jesus Christ as his own.

Scholastically NaQuan was a total blue-ribbon student. He attended Benjamin Cardozo HS and graduated with top honors accepting a partial academic scholarship to attend Purdue University with a focus in Sports Medicine. Once recognizing that this was not where his true passion lies NaQuan returned home and decided to take some time off to reflect on life and sustaining his goals. During this time NaQuan tirelessly tutored a family member who was preparing for his contractor’s licenses and to his delight his uncle Ricardo Lewis took and passed the test to receive entry to the Local Carpenters Union. It was then where NaQuan’s passion to teach was reignited.

After building a strategy that would realign him with his true passion of teaching, NaQuan devised a plan and was relentless in his pursuit to reach every milestone he set for himself. He executed with a laser focused precision that clearly defined who he was in life and never looked back. He became known as “Half a Man, Half Amazing” aka the “Full Package”.

NaQuan applied and was accepted at Delaware State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Education and Psychology then later received his Master of Science (M.S.) from Touro College in Elementary and Special Education. Before his final transition, NaQuan was set to begin the process of attaining his PhD in Education Policy with every intention of reshaping key academic process. Since graduating Delaware State at the top of his class with a perfect 4.0 average NaQuan was heavily recruited to join the Harlem Success Academy as a 3rd grade teacher to which he accepted and worked for several years, but he didn’t stop there. Ultimately NaQuan took up residence in upscale Buckhead Atlanta, Georgia. joined Buckhead Church then landed his dream job at the prestigious Atlanta International School in North East Buckhead as a kindergarten grade educator.

To his family, he was the son and brother who made every day a happy one filled with laughter and smiles. To his friends, he was their rock and anchor. A consistent voice that was unwavering in its truth and honesty.

There are several amongst many fond memories we have of NaQuan.

While playing “Tent” with his sister and childhood friend Shamari he was kicked out of their tent because while they wanted to play and eat snacks, he insisted on reading the book Bernstein Bears to them in his notorious and persistent way of demanding their attention. Or when we caught a 7-year-old NaQuan facilitating a teaching moment with a make shift classroom consisting of 7 chairs with 7 seated teddy bears, chalk board and ruler reviewing English and math questions for an upcoming quiz.

At 31 years of age, NaQuan had already what some would call a full life. He truly left an indelible mark on those that loved him, worked with him or simply came across his path. He possessed all the characteristics and attributes of a person you would want to call a friend. He loved to travel and turn up. Work Hard.... Play Hard... Any given time Rose would receive a call from NaQuan saying he was crushing the ski slopes or in Belize walking on the beach.

NaQuan was a committed educator who took pride in nurturing and guiding his students while developing a love for learning and helping them become their best selves. His 3 core teaching models for students were:

- Maximizing individual student performance.
- Inspiring students’ interest in learning.
- Instilling a sense of self-worth among all students.

On Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019 at 4:14 AM the sunset came upon NaQuan as he was peacefully called to eternal rest. Although NaQuan “Nahiiir” Wilson Lewis will be missed we would be remiss to not mention the many lives he inspired, impacted and added value to by his commitment to never “Settle and Forever be in Pursuit”

To cherish his amazing story he leaves behind parents Wallace and Rose Oliver, grandparents William and Shirley Johnson of Queens Village NY, Georgia and William Rodgers of Brooklyn, NY, George & Hazel Loadholt of Brooklyn, NY, two sisters Tasha Johnson and Suprina Lewis of Queens, NY, his best friend Andre Fields of Atlanta, GA, multiple aunts and uncles- Michelle Lewis of Bear, Delaware, Stevie & Linda Lewis of Maplewood, NJ, Andre & Wendy Lewis of Bear, Delaware, Michael and Shannon Lewis of South Carolina, Eric Lewis of St. George, SC, Sharon Johnson of Baldwin, NY, Tracy Johnson of Albany, NY, Imari Oliver of Harlem, NY, Angela McCann of Long Island, NY, Tonya Loadholt of Brooklyn, NY, Eric Loadholt of Jamaica, NY.

One nephew Tyler Laborde of Queens Village, NY, fifteen cousins: Kaila, Kavon, Jayvon, Alisha, Ashante, Ashley, Mike Jr., Erica, Rose, Janel, Riamora, Christian, Quilley, Eric “Bookie” Jr. and KJ

A host of close family and friends inclusive of the entire “McDonough, Hale Ave, Logan Street & Mount Moriah Family”

Lovingly Submitted,
Our Family



Order of Service

Rev. Robert Lowe, Presiding
Mount Moriah AME Church

- Song of Comfort “Every Praise”
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Anthony Herron
- Scripture Reading
- Old Testament: Isaiah 57:1-2 Rev. Garland Boyd
- New Testament: 2nd Corinthians 5:1..... Rev. Jackie Jones
- Song Selection Latasha Jordan
- Tributes Atlanta International School Rep.
Tracey Johnson/ Shirley Johnson
- Song Selection Rev. Alonzo Macklin
- Tributes Shaquira Greenaway, Annilla Sookhai,
Scott Leak
Wallace Oliver / Imari Oliver
- Selection Abundance Dance Ministry
- Acknowledgements Angela McCann
- Obituary Imari Oliver
- Selection Moriah Music Ministry
- Eulogy Rev. Lisa Williams
Pastor, Salem AME Church Roslyn, NY
- Final Viewing
- Benediction
- Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery • Linden, New Jersey



Going Home

Rose Oliver

I faithfully was never praying to feel for a month, He answered my prayer in the form of a soul I nurtured, loved and shaped it to grow into a flourishing gift that the world would know. Then came a vote, direction and clear saying "The road I want, the time is near. The gift you have seen only a heart was calling him back to dust as my own. I know there'll be sadness, I know you'll feel cold but rejoice in the promise that for belonging him have."



at Father's Farewell

*The sun rises the day
a spring breeze fills the air
another day's contained
there is a still night to see to come
reflecting on the first time you were in time
that was constant reminder steps in my mind
Remember that day when you advised me for the sake
of being your dad when you were only 7 years old
I could only imagine a heart as big as yours
you accepted my imperfections on top of all you had to endure
Half a year half meaning, you've always said the best
Integrity, Honesty, Be right
is truly who you are
I remember of your growth from little boy to grown man
to ultimately becoming... Your number one fan
to farewell begins but forever this truth
It was the 1986/1987 opportunity 1988 for our mutual love
to now run to you
With me ever again
This is my farewell to you son of your father and is your friend*



Brothers Forever







Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during their season of bereavement. May God bless each of you in His grace.

BLESSED

Professional Services Provided by



SAMPSON
FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.

2601 Pitkin Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208
Tel: 1-718-277-8000

