In Loving Memory

Rakeem D. Edwards

December 16th 1987 - August 16th 2019

<u>Celebration of Life</u> Friday, August 30th 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

100-10 Astoria Blvd Flushing, New York 11369

Obituary

A legacy of a loving father, son, brother, uncle and friend. Rakeem Darnell Edwards was born December 16th, 1987 at Queens General Hospital to his loving parents Christine Edwards and Darnell Mack. Rakeem attended P.S 40 & J.H.S 126 in Astoria Queens. While there, he gained a love for playing basketball and mastered his skills. His passion for the sport inspired him to coach a kids Basketball team. Rakeem loved to drive and enjoyed working for the School Bus Transportation Company, Access -A- Ride and FedEx. His coworkers loved him dearly: especially for his golden smile, upbeat spirit and genuine heart.

Rakeem was known for singing, smiling, dancing and playing Fortnite with his sons. He was always in a good mood. Rakeem had plans of traveling and taking family trips. He loved his sons Rakeem Jr. & Rahmeek; his boys meant the world to him. Rakeem had a great heart & spirit and would give you his last if necessary. He wanted to make a difference and give back to the community.

Rakeem was preceded in death by his daughter Miracle Edwards, his two grandmothers Loraine Edwards & Edie Mack Rivers, his two Great Grandmothers; Ethel Edwards and Eldoria Matthews and his Grandfather Donnie Lee Rivers.

Rakeem leaves behind, to cherish his legacy, his Mother Christine Edwards, his Father Darnell Mack, his two sons Rakeem Jr. & Rameek Edwards, Long time girlfriend Taleena Claborn three sisters; Starasia Edwards, Kah-Mya Edwards and Desire Edwards, two brothers; Rafik Edwards and Devon Edwards, six uncles; Tyrone Edwards, Russell Edwards, Jazmine Edwards, Kelly Mack, Donnie Mack and Joaquin Mack, three Aunts; Desire Mack, Shavonne Mack & Tonya Edwards, one Niece Deahmayah Edwards, Two Nephews De'ahamanni Edwards & Rafik Jr. He also leaves behind his Godmother Dorothea Mayo, three God Sisters Starneisha Mayo, Keyisha Ivy and Destiny Harrell, four Godbrothers Leron Mayo, Kaliek Mayo, Keyon Ivy and Terrell Mayo, along with a Host of Cousins and Friends.

Order of Service

Processional Evangelist Estella Matthews of "New Haven Ct. Healing and Deliverance Outreach Ministries" Scripture Reading Old Testament: Psalms 23 New Testament: St Johns 10:1,5 Prayer of Comfort Evangelist Estella Matthews Acknowledgements of Cards Denise Smith Reading of Obituary...... Denise Smith Selection...... Ms. Wilond Matthews Eulogy Evangelist Estella Matthews Final Viewing......By: T. Carrillo Funeral Service LLC

Private Burial

Saturday, August 31st 2019 Ernst Memorial Park Cemetery Parlin, New Jersey

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God has laid you see I took His hand when I heard him call I turned my back and left it all.

T could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow, My life's been/full, I savored much Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and peace to thee God wanted me now; He set me free.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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