

In Loving Memory of

*Christopher
Phelps*

*Sunrise
July 25, 1971*

*Sunset
September 21, 2019*

*Service
Wednesday, October 2, 2019 • 4:00 p.m.*

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Christopher Phelps was the eldest child born to the late Henry Phelps and Joanne Phelps on July 25, 1971 in Newark, New Jersey.

Christopher completed his formal education in Newark Public Schools. After graduating Barrington High School, he later attended Essex Community College and majored in Business and Accounting. Christopher met the love of his life Stephanie Harrell. They later married in holy matrimony 2009, and from their union two children were born Stephon and Tatiana Phelps. Christopher wanted to travel the United States and decided to get his Commercial Driving License with Swift Transportation Company in Phoenix, Arizona. Christopher was excited about working for one of the largest trucking companies in the country. While working for them Christopher was able to see most of the United States. There was no place he could not give you directions, he really became the human compass for traveling via the US highways. After driving for Swift and other trucking companies Christopher's one desire was to work for the United States Postal Service. That became his main objective as well as being closer to his family. His dream finally came true after he was offered a position as a Tractor Trailer driver in September 2017. He worked at the USPS Brooklyn Processing and Distribution Center for two years before his untimely death.

Christopher loved sports, his favorite team was the Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved house music and loved to dance. He loved the outdoors and loved to work out in the park. He was lovingly called "Snackins" by his wife and daughter. His favorite foods included fruit snacks, Swedish fish, macaroni and cheese and banana pudding. It didn't take much to make Christopher happy. Christopher loved to make jokes and make people laugh. He was truly a family man and enjoyed spending all of his time with his wife and daughter, this is when he was the happiest. Even after relocating to Freeport, New York he still visited his family in New Jersey weekly. He was told as a young man by one of his uncles to always stay close to the family. Christopher was an awesome father and loved his princess Tatiana. He would always tell her, "You are Daddy's greatest accomplishment!" You and your mother were the best thing that ever happened in my life.

On Saturday, September 21, 2019 in Newark, New Jersey, Christopher was called home by God. Preceded in death are his son Stephon Phelps; his father Henry Phelps; his Great Grandmother Viola Blount, his Grandmothers: Katherine Johnson and Geneva Downing; Grandfathers: Joseph Johnson, Pete McCollough, and Frank Downing; Aunts: Delores and Patricia; Uncles: Gregory, David, Michael, and Clarence; Cousins: Dawud and Lamount. His in-laws Richard and Grace Harrell.

To those with whom he leaves his loving memories are his wife Stephanie Harrell-Phelps, his daughter Tatiana Phelps, his mother Joanne Phelps, his three sisters: Joanne Phelps, Wanda Phelps, and Alicia Bridges, his two brothers Jeffrey Bridges and Darryl Bridges, six nieces: Keyana, Teyana, Alani, and Sanai, four nephews: Sharif, David, Marcus, and Kaiden, and two great nephews: Shakeem and Shakil, four uncles, Howard, Michael Johnson, Douglas Johnson and Daryl Downing, one childhood best friend Kenny Harris, a long time close family friend, George Green; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Done in Love,
The Family

The Order of the Celebration of Life

Officiating Pastor Constance Dowling,
Grace Temple Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Selection

Scriptures

Old Testament Psalms 46

New Testament 2 Corinthians 5: 8-9

Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Reflections

Reading of the Obituary

Family Reflections

Selection

The Eulogy Pastor Constance Downing

The Benediction

INTERMENT

Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York





Acknowledgement

Our Family wishes to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks for every prayer and the many acts of kindness shown to console our hearts during this time of bereavement.

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