

Service of Thanksgiving For Omar Arthur McLean

Sunrise
April 6, 1979

Sunset
September 30, 2019



Saturday, October 19, 2019 - 8:00 a.m.

ALL NATIONS UNITED CHURCH OF GOD

73-79 E 18th Street, Paterson, NJ 07524

**Officiating Ministers: Pastor Stanley Phinn,
Pastor Ralph Thomas, Bishop Ezekiel Massop
Brenton Phinn, Organist**

Reflections of Life

On Friday, April 6, 1979 Omar Arthur McLean was born in the hills of St. Andrew Jamaica W.I. to Mrs. Cynthia Williams and the late Mr. Oswald McLean. Omar, affectively known as “O”, was born one day before the passing of his maternal great-grandfather, Arthur Hall, and thus was named in his honor. From an early age Omar learned about God and was a devoted Sunday school student at the Church of God of Prophecy in Jamaica. Throughout his life, Omar continued on with his own personal relationship with God and never forgot about the Biblical lessons he learned in his youth.

For the first seven years of his Life, Omar spent many days walking the hills of Roberts Field in Jamaica to catch water and his beloved janga (cray fish). It was well known that if ever Omar would cry all anyone would have to say is “go get your bucket and a bag we a go catch janga” and Omar’s tears would dry up instantly. As much as Omar loved janga, he valued being in the presence of family much more. He spent so many years around his late maternal grandmother, Mrs. Naomi Parkes, that he was regarded as one of her sons. Omar was an adventurous child, and NO ONE was safe from his constant jokes, and I mean NO ONE.

Omar started his educational career at the Mount Fletcher Primary School in Mavis Bank, Jamaica and spent countless days walking the winding roads in the early morning to attend school. At the age of seven Omar migrated to the United States of America where he resided in Paterson, NJ with his family. Omar continued on with his education in the Paterson Public School System, where he met many of the friends with whom he held a tight bond with throughout his life. Omar graduated from Public School #12 and then enrolled in Paterson Catholic High School.

While at Paterson Catholic, Omar, wearing number 89, excelled in football. He won many football awards and was considered one of the best in the state in his positions as both a linebacker and as a tight end. After graduating high school, Omar went on to study at Montclair State University.

Omar was a hard worker and even as a young boy he found ways to use his skills to foster income. He developed relationships with his neighbors and would cut their lawn and shovel their snow for just a little monetary contribution. As a pre-teen he worked for the Paterson Pic program doing various jobs. In his 20’s he was employed by Spectrum for Living. Throughout the years he continued working in various positions. Omar enjoyed watching sports, especially when his beloved NY Giants were playing. A love he fostered from a child, because he was an avid sports card collector.

Omar loved being around his family. He would visit his “grandmother’s church”, All Nation United Church of God, with her and continued to visit after her passing in 2016. He would show up at his aunts’ and uncles’ homes and sit, talk and dine with them. He was never too busy to just stop and say hello. He did not wait for an invitation, he showed up and he was always welcomed. Omar was one who you could count on to be at any and all family events. For this reason, Omar was called upon by many of his cousins to serve as a groomsman in their weddings. Omar had a special love for his paternal grandmother, Ms. Delores Hall and although they lived in different countries she stayed near in his heart. Omar was very close with his siblings and he shared a bond with his mother that no one could break. Mrs. Cynthia Williams will forever remember her son’s beautiful smile and his caring spirit. Omar loved his daughters and always wanted them to know their family.

In the early morning of Monday, September 30, 2019 Omar departed this life after he was granted 40 years, 5 months and 24 days. Omar was predeceased by his father; Oswald McLean, maternal grandparents; Vincent and Naomi Parkes, and paternal grandfather; Joseph McLean. Omar leaves to cherish his beautiful memories: his mother; Cynthia Williams, step-father; Adron Williams, grandmother; Delores Hall, his two daughters; Omariah and Naomi, brothers; Harlan Williams, Damian McLean, Caswell McLean, Shane McLean and Leighton McLean, sisters; Nasha Williams and Danelia McLean. He also leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. Omar Arthur McLean has left us a legacy of a smiling face, a booming laughter and the importance of family. Our hearts are heavy, but let us hold tight to the precious memories of the life and smile of our dear “O”.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn I'll Fly Away

Invocation Reverend Calvin Abraham

1st Scripture: Psalm 23 Omariah McLean (daughter)

2nd Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15: 50- 58 Arianna Williams
(Niece)

Hymn 2 O I want to see Him

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Keith Peccoo

Selection Sis. Evadne Bromfield

Remembrance:

- Ziyier Walker (Friend)
- Andy Phinn (Cousin)
- Nasha Williams (Sister)
- Errol Thomas (Uncle)

Selection Family

Reflection of Life Harlan Williams (Brother)

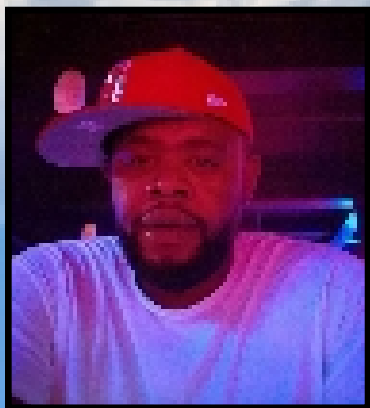
Sermon Bishop Ezekiel Massop

Closing Hymn When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Park Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



To Say Goodbye

To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.

-Author unknown



Pall bearers

Lawrence Sewell	Mark Tait
Shaheed Jackson	Ziyier Walker
Gregory Parkes	Leighton McLean

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late **Omar Arthur McLean**, would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, neighbors, church brethren and well-wishers for your support and words of comfort during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you all.

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