

IN LOVING MEMORY OF AAZIM A. DRINKARD

SUNRISE
NOVEMBER 28, 1973

SUNSET
NOVEMBER 15, 2019



Memorial Service

Friday, November 22, 2019 • 2:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Aazim Drinkard, (Nov 28, 1973 - Nov 15, 2019) son of the late Michele Emily Drinkard and Edward Martin Thomas III, brother of Haashim (Rona), Takiyah, Halima, Naimah, Aishah, and Nicholas III, (known as Mikki's Mob); father of Quierra and baby Jaa'zim, grandfather of Alyssa, Azuri, and Saair, uncle to Haashim II, Deandra, Elijah, Amaad, Zayan, Amir, Nashid, Aminah, Isaiah, and Nylah; nephew to Gerard, Glen, Gina, James, Harold, great-nephew of Cissy Houston, and cousin to Shalene, Kevin, Donna, and innumerable others. Aazim made his transition peacefully on the morning of November 15th with all of his siblings at his side.

During his years at Barringer High, he was a basketball star, inheriting his athletic prowess from his father, and received several offers to play at high ranking universities. Aazim was highly intelligent, though kept his intellect low key, so as to always stay one atop ahead of others. He was a lover of culinary arts and spent some professional time as a chef for several eateries, and was greatly loved by children, considered a pried piper whenever he was around them.

Aazim had a sense of humor that bordered on sarcastic, a trait he got from his mother, but it was his eyes - hazel one day, green the next, that would win over a multitude of female admirers.

Aazim will forever be remembered for his considerable basketball court finesse, loud and excited tone, his loving nature, fantastic stories, his love for the Knicks, the NY Giants, and his cool, calm, and collected demeanor. He will truly be missed.

One Band. One Sound.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn of ComfortFelicia Moss-Eaton (organist Carlton Pope)

Scripture.....Haashim Drinkard

SelectionFelicia Moss-Eaton (organist Carlton Pope)

SpeakerGerard Drinkard

Remarks Family & Friends (2 min max)

Obituary.....TBD

SelectionAustin Eaton

MemorialJoan Fushee

Recessional





I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or 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 up 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 heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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The family of **Aazim A. Drinkard** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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