



Celebration of Life



Olympian *James "Jimmy" Linell Bellinger*

Sunrise
October 28, 1956

Sunset
November 14, 2019

Service

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Wake 3:00-4:00PM

Service 4:00PM

Monumental Baptist Church

121-127 Lafayette Street • Jersey City, NJ 07304

Deacon Lorenzo Richardson, Deacon Chairman



Obituary

The Miracle Warrior Child 1956-2019

Olympic Gold Medalist, Musician, Electronic Specialist, Track Star, Collector, World Traveler

James “Jimmy” Linell Bellinger packed his last suitcase and transitioned from The Land of the Living to the Heavenly Rest with God. **James** affectionately called “Jimmy” and “the King” was born prematurely at six (6) months old on October 28, 1956 at the Margaret Hague Medical Center in Jersey City, NJ to proud parents the late Linell James Bellinger and Dorothy Allen-Bellinger; to proud Godparents the late John Allen, Sr. and Rosemary Allen. **James** is the eldest child and older brother to his sister Cheryl DB and two brothers Keith and Eric. **James’** family immigrated from the West Indies/Caribbean via Ellis Island in 1906 and settled in Jersey City, New Jersey.

James was considered a Miracle Child. The doctor gave him only one (1) year to live and **James** lived to the age of 63 because of God, Ancestors and his mother Dorothy always fighting for him. **James** was born with limitations (back then there was no name “Retarded-Mentally Challenged-Autistic”) especially with speech. Fortunately that did not hinder his personality, zest for life and talents.

At an early age, **James** inherited a strong belief in God attending weekly church services and Sunday school classes with the family. **James** looked forward to special occasions/programs/annuals at the church especially every first Sunday of the Month for Holy Communion. He was a Proud member for 48 Years. **James** was baptized in 1971 at Monumental Baptist Church located in Jersey City, NJ by the late Pastor Rev. Dr. Ercel F. Webb. Once James became physically unable to attend Church services, he looked forward to the First Sunday of the Month Home Visits by Monumental Baptist Church Communion Team to serve him Holy Communion and sing Traditional Hymns and songs. In their absence, he would watch church on the television and listen on the radio. If you knew Jimmy, you knew he always carried his radio and listened to it 24/7.

After many years, a long fight with the Jersey City Public School System, and hiring a lawyer; Mother Dorothy won her battle with the school system and **James** was enrolled at P.S. 31 Special Education School Journal Square located on Kennedy Blvd for grammar and high school. While attending P.S. 31, **James’** teacher recognized his athletic potential and recommended him for the Jersey City Special Need’s Track Team. They participated in all city, state, and national meets. While competing at the aforementioned meets, **James** trained for the Special Olympics that would be held in Detroit, Michigan. In Detroit, **James** won two (2) Olympic gold medals in the long jump and high hurdles events. **James** also displayed his musical talents as an active member of the School Band Orchestra.

Even with his limitations, **James** was a very independent person. He was very high functioning and loved meeting people and being out and about. He loved working at his past jobs included Pathmark Supermarket, ARC and volunteering for the Jersey City Caribbean Carnival and P.S. 31 Graduation Ceremonies.

“A family that prays together, Stays together.” Well, we the Benjamin, Allen, Bellinger, and Waters Families took that to the Next Level. We traveled together creating numerous traditions dating back to the 60’s: the annual summer trips to Wildwood Summer Home, monthly trips to the Apollo Theatre, seasonal outings to Radio City–Christmas Special, Easter Show, Bergen Point Amusement Park, Six Flags Great Adventure, the World’s Fair, State Fairs, Caribbean Carnival Parade and Festivals around the world to Classical, RnB, Gospel, Calypso, Soca, and Reggae Concerts. **James** was a World Traveler and was truly a human compass. He traveled via many hubs: train, bus, ship, boat, and plane. Jimmy was fortunate to travel the world including the Caribbean Islands, Hawaii, Europe and the Jersey Shore just to name a few. He collected maps from a plethora of locations; if anyone was traveling, he would ask them to bring back maps and he enjoyed receiving the maps from different countries as souvenir gifts. Thank you Cousin Rosalyn Waters-Maxwell for the kind gesture and keeping the family traditions alive with always having **James** engaged by taking him out and about over the years.

James enjoyed life, his favorite hobbies were traveling, riding all forms of transportation, playing the guitar, collecting maps, fixing electronics, collecting records, tracks, and cassette tapes, reading newspapers daily, watching old movies, playing classical music, celebrating holidays and birthdays with cakes and gifts, the WORKS.

James is preceded by **Father** Linell James Bellinger, **Grandparents** Ousy Allen, Katie “Katorah” Benjamin-Allen and Thelma Bellinger, **NK Bellinger Great Uncles** Robert Allen, John Allen, Sr. (Rosemary), Arnold Allen, Herbert Jackson, Thomas Benjamin, Arnold Benjamin, Earnest Benjamin, Robert Benjamin, James Benjamin, Daniel Benjamin, Jr. and **Great Auntie** Mabel Benjamin Johnson, Martha Benjamin Green **Auntie** Geraldine Allen-Waters (Raymond, Sr.) Survived by: **Mother** Dorothy Allen-Bellinger, **Sister** Cheryl Bellinger-Murphy-Callender, **Brothers** Keith G. Bellinger and Eric T. Bellinger, **Sisters-in-law** Lynn Smith-Bellinger and Michelle Crocker-Bellinger, **Brothers-in-law** Christopher Murphy, Jr. and Gordon F. Callender. **Aunts** Katherine Allen-Bruce and Vera Elaine Allen-Caldwell, **Nephews** Christopher Murphy, III (Shanteia) and Gordon Nesta Callender, **Great Nephews** Baby Christopher Murphy IV, Javon Ali Harris Murphy, and Doryan Hedrington, **Great Niece** Aaliyah D. Murphy and a host of special cousins and friends who became family.

**NO GRASS GREW UNDEFRNEATH JAMES’ FEET
WELL DONE MOTHER DOROTHY ALLEN-BELLINGER WELL DONE**

Order of Service

Processional

Deacon Lorenzo Richardson, Deacon Chairman - Officiating

Prayer of Comfort **Deacon Ferris Tune, Sr.**

Scripture Reading

Old Testament **Minister Alex Watson**

New Testament **Deacon Larry Ross**

Musical Selection ... **Monumental Baptist Church Combined Choirs**
Song: Pass Me Not

Reflections (2 Minutes Please)

Musical Selection ... **Monumental Baptist Church Combined Choirs**
Song: No Not One

Reading of Acknowledgments **Nephew Gordon Nesta Callender**

Obituary **Oldest Cousin Sharyn Diane Waters**

Family Remarks **Sister Cheryl D. Bellinger-Murphy**

Musical Selection ... **Monumental Baptist Church Combined Choirs**
Song: O Happy Day

Eulogy **Rev. Annie Rea Jones**

Viewing

Benediction **Rev. Annie Rea Jones**

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Recessional



INTERMENT
Monday November 25th, 2019
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Jersey City, New Jersey 07304



Life In Time



Acknowledgement

Thank You All
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 Nephew Gordon Nesta Callender
 Cousin Justin Forham
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 Cousin Raymond Charles Waters
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 Deacon Jessie & Deaconess Avon Rone
 Church Mother Gloria Felder

Perhaps you sent a lovely card-text, sent a floral piece,
 spoke a kind word, or sat quietly in a chair, Perhaps you were not there at all.
 THANK YOU to Everyone whom touched James' Life .

We the Family are truly grateful.
 The Benjamin-Allen-Bellinger Families

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