



*Don't cry for me,  
I'm not gone.  
My soul is at rest,  
My heart lives on.  
Light a candle  
For me to see  
And hold on to my memory,  
But save your tears  
For I'm still here,  
By your side through the years.*

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of Rockeen Carlton Ross-Robinson wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends for their love, support, kindness and prayers shown during our time of bereavement.

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## *Celebration of Life For* **Rockeen Carlton** *Ross-Robinson*

Sunrise: July 24, 1976

Sunset: November 27, 2019



We are supposed to be thankful,  
for our families,  
our comfortable life, etc.  
The death of a child changes  
our perception, however.  
When the family now gathers  
around the Thanksgiving table,  
I now see a *missing plate*  
that no one else sees.  
-Jim Hobbs

### *Memories Of My Brother*

How well we do remember  
all the special times we had  
As we were raised side by side  
sharing good times, sharing bad  
Sometimes we would disagree  
but always made up in the end  
But as we grew to be adults we  
became the best of friends  
Then you heard the voice of  
Jesus gently calling from on high  
He was holding out his loving  
arms but we could not say "goodbye"  
So we said "see you later"  
dear brother, wait for me  
In the beauty of God's Heaven  
Where the best is yet to be

He was first my  
*Brother*  
Then he became my  
*Best Friend*  
Now he is my  
*Angel*



Dear Daddy ,

Thank you for all the love and support you ever gave me in the lifetime  
that you lived. I'm truly going to miss you and your styles.. especially  
when you used to tell me about these boys and their bad ways and how  
to handle money. Lord knows you truly broke me to pieces with this  
one, you were supposed to pull through and you didn't. I don't know  
how I'll survive without you here but I'll try my hardest to do so. I  
promise I'll make you proud in the long run- especially with school  
because I know that meant a lot to you.. I love you forever and always,  
love your daughter,  
Ziyaira



My father meant a lot to me.  
I'm gonna miss being able to  
talk to him. He taught me a lot  
and I know there is more that he  
wanted to teach me. I wish me  
and him had more time together.  
Your son,  
Given



Home Going Service

Friday, December 6, 2019

Viewing 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Service 7:00pm

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*Reverend Stephen Thomas, Officiating*

Musical Prelude ..... Sidney M. Hagans

Processional ..... Clergy, Family,  
Jackson Funeral Residence of Jersey City

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Stephen Thomas

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Eccle. 3:1-8

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

Acknowledgements ..... Hudson County Dolphins  
Football Team

Obituary ..... Tifanee Bell-Gallemore

Reflections ..... Two minutes only

Solo.....Allison Galliard

Eulogy.....Reverend Stephen Thomas

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## A Journey Through the Life of Rockeen.....

### His Beginnings

Rockeen Carlton Ross-Robinson's (AKA Hot) journey began on July 24, 1976 in Jersey City, NJ to Larry Ross and Pamela Robinson-Ross. He is the eldest child from their union.

### His Education

Rockeen was a resident of Jersey City, NJ for 43 years. He was born and raised in Montgomery Gardens. He loved his MG family. Rockeen attended the Jersey City Public Schools during his elementary years. He was accepted to St. Mary High School where he played basketball all four years. He graduated from St. Mary's June, 1995.

### His Profession

Rockeen worked as a Direct Care Counselor in both New York City and New Jersey for fourteen years. His duties entailed caring for adult patients with autism and various disabilities. Rockeen took pride in his duties and dedication to his clients. In his heart, he believed that his clients' limitations do not distinguish or define who they are. Rockeen was a diligent who rarely missed a day of work. No matter what function or event was taking place, you would hear him say, "Hurry up cause I gotta work!" He was employed with Allies, Inc. until his demise. Rockeen was also a dedicated employee for Fedway where he worked as a driver's assistant. Rockeen aspired to become an entrepreneur. He wanted to attain his commercial driver's license, purchase a truck and start his own trucking company with his brother-n-law. Working for Fedway afforded him the opportunity to learn the business.

At his leisure, he volunteered as a defense coach for the Hudson County Dolphins 10 year old league. Not only did he help on the field, Rockeen also assisted the parents with managing his athletes' behavioral and academic endeavors. Everyone loved Coach Hot. He was looking forward to traveling with his team (for the second year) this Sunday to Florida for the Championship games. Go Dolphins!

### His Character

Rockeen was a faithful and devoted father whose life revolved around his children. He loved his kids more than life itself. Hot was very family oriented. He made it his business to visit everyone on a regular basis. He was definitely the male pillar of the family. Hot was the life of the party. Whenever he was around, you were sure to get a good laugh. Mr. Benita, as he's known to the family, kept everyone informed and updated with the family gossip. If you did it, he was TELLING! He loved to eat. Hot would travel far and near for a good meal. Rockeen adored his siblings. He communicated with each one- either visiting or simply calling on a daily basis. He is the epitome of the saying- I am my brother's keeper.

The love he had for his mother was priceless. She was his first love (along with his daughter) and his friend. His dad was his buddy. The bond between the three was like no other.

### His Finale

On Wednesday, November 27, 2019 Rockeen transitioned from his earthly vessel into the presence of the Lord. He is preceded in transition by his maternal great-grandmother Mary L. Robinson; maternal grandmother Mary D. Robinson-Bryant; paternal grandparents Huey and Jewel Ross; three aunts Kim, Ernestine, Yvonne; four uncles Gary, Kenneth, Jerry and Carlton.

To cherish his memory and build upon his legacy: his parents Larry and Pamela; daughter Ziyaire, son Given; fiancée Lakya (Doreen); maternal Carlton; siblings Tifanee (Shawn), Larry Jr (Yolanda), Kenneth (Shayla), Ryan (Gynette), Rainier, Roman (Inga), Titus; sister-cousin Ishia, brother-cousin Alex and Elgin; godparents Leslie and Denise; godsister Alaisha, godbrother Seth; godchildren Sasha-Malia, Khalil and Deon; aunts Alexis (Leroy), Monique (Daniel), Sherine, Kimberly, Laverne, Sandra (Omego), Earlene; uncles Gregory (Vicky), William (Linda) and Kevin (Barbara-Geen); nieces India, Ziyannah, Sasha-Malia, Paris, Amaya-Rose, Ryann, Asia, Nevaeh and Kyla; nephews Malachi, Savion, Micah-Josiah, Isaiah, Zion, Karlos, Amari-Rome, Stephaun, Ryan and Jahmir; great niece Teagan-Sarai; great nephew Tristan-Taiwon; and a host of cousins and dear friends.

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