

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Isiah Washington**

*Sunrise*  
August 8, 1945

*Sunset*  
January 11, 2020



*Service*

**Thursday, January 23, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.**

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

**Rev. Sharonda Strothers, Officiating - TBC Pastor**

## Obituary

Mr. Isiah Washington was born on August 8, 1945 in Charleston, SC to the late Benjamin Washington, Sr. and Rosalie Gadsden Washington. He was the youngest of six children. He attended Henry P. Archer Elementary School and graduated from Barke High School.

Isiah was one of the lead vocalist for the Royal Enteraimers. He was known for his golden singing voices. He moved to Elizabeth, NJ in his mid twenties. Where he joined the Masonic Brotherhood and became a Master Mason.

He later moved to Newark, NJ, where he continued his Christian journey by joining the Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church, but he didn't stay there long. He left after a short while and joined the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Newark, NJ where he was ordained as a deacon by Pastor Jeffrey Bryan, where he served until his illness and was finally called home. Ike was best known for his dapper style and abundance of swag.

Isiah was employed by Barnett Trucking for twelve years and T&M Delivery Corp for thirty-nine years upon his death.

Isiah leaves to cherish his loving memory: wife, Andrea Washington; his children, Jameshia Gillespie, Shakeemah Gillespie, Tyree Gillespie, Tyretta Gillepsie all of NJ, Loretta Washington-Cuff (Lawrence) of PA, Isiah Washington of PA, Lavern Washington-Battle (Lemorge), Carl Dennis, Rosalyn Sheppherd of NY, Valerie Mays, NC; forty-six grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; twelve god children; and a host of nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law, Swanetta McNear (William), Cheryl Pace, Mary Gillespie and Sharon Gillespie; brothers-in-law, Bernece McCall, Leroy Gillespie Jr., Joe Gillespie; two sons-in-law, Melvin Rickey Mays and Darrin Sheppherd.

Isiah is preceded in death by his two brothers, James (Shine) Washington, Benjamin (Tommy) Washington, Jr., three sisters, Rosalie Graham, Stella Townsend, Elizabeth (Betty) Hamilton, two grandsons, Stephon and Isiah Washington.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Precession

Prayer ..... Rev. Richard Strothers  
(TBC)

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Min. Dyanna Waley

New Testament .....(TBC

Solo..... Min. Dyanna Waley  
(TBC)

Remarks - (2 minutes).....Family and Friends

Selection.....TBC Choir

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Sis. Donna Darby  
(D.I.T. TBC)

Eulogy.....Pastor Jeffrey Bryan  
(Bethlehem Baptist Church • Roselle, NJ)

Benediction

Viewing

Recessional

**INTERMENT**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

# 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*

Pallbearers

Nephews

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Isiah Washington** 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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