

Celebration of Life for



Ricky Byrd

“Byrd Man”

March 14, 1954 – July 26, 2020

Service

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd. • Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Kenneth Clayton, Officiating

Rev. Keith Oden, Organist

Interment

Arlington Cemetery

Kearny, New Jersey

Reflections of Life

Ricky Byrd was born on March 14, 1954 to James Monroe Jones and the late Viola Delores Byrd Sinclair in Darlington, SC.

He attended the Darlington County School System and graduated from Rosenwald High School in Society Hill, SC where he participated on the school band. At an early age, Ricky joined the Hopewell Baptist Church of Society Hill.

In 1971, Ricky relocated to New Jersey where he remained until his passing. He loved to watch his sports, basketball in particular. His favorite team is the New York Knicks. He also, loved to dance and have fun with his family and friends.

Ricky retired from Vanpeen Trucking Co where he drove trucks. He loved his job and was a dedicated worker. Rain or shine he went to work.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Delores Byrd Sinclair, sister, Silver Jean Byrd, brother, Maurice Jerome Roberts and his loving companion and life partner, Alicia Marie Ivy.

Ricky leaves to cherish loving memories: daughter Katrina Taylor, three grandchildren, Brittaney, Tiffaney, and Jace; two great grandchildren, Taylor and Karlah, father, James Monroe Jones (Grace); two sisters, Sandra Mae Cranford and Vicky Daniels (Earl); special friends, and cousins, Richard Admill, Kenny James, Sidney Swinnel, David Junior, Tommy Junior, Thomas Bo Byrd; a loving step granddaughter, Aish Thomas and a host of nieces and nephews.

God Came

*God came to me one day
He whispered in my ear
Come on my child, its time to go
Your home is now up there
I can't go now, I haven't said goodbye
To my friends and family
Don't worry, he said you don't have to fear.
In their hearts you'll always be near. I went without saying anything
To all the people I love
Hoping they'll understand, it was in God's plan and at His gates I'll stand
So now that I'm in the house of the Lord I say don't shed a tear
Just think of it as his amazing grace
And know I'm always here Till our hearts in death are stilled.*

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