

Celebrating the Life of



Timothy Ward Gathers

Sunrise
August 27, 1964

Sunset
September 8, 2020

Friday, September 18, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Union Baptist Church

221 Myrtle Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Kortney Haigler, Pastor

Rev. Robert Walker, Officiating

Rev. Keith Oden, Organist

Obituary

Timothy Ward “Jazz” Gathers, was born to the late Anna Lee Gathers and William Miller on August 27, 1964 in Passaic, NJ.

He was educated in the Passaic School Systems in his younger years and went on to graduate from Wayne Tech.

He was employed by Clopay Corporation in Fair Lawn, NJ for over 20 years.

Jazz loved basketball and football and was Die hard Pittsburgh Steelers Fan.

Jazz also had a love for music, he was a DJ. He also was a part of G.I.B, known as Gentleman In Black.

Jazz was also known for his great jokes and was one of the funniest people from Passaic. If you knew Jazz he somehow, somehow made you laugh.

On September 8, 2020, Jazz went home to be with the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents: William Miller and Anna Lee Gathers; sons, Jahlil Gathers, John Gathers and Tyreek Lankford Gathers; two sisters, Cynthia G. Mobley (Gary Mobley) and Christina Gathers; one brother, Eugene Gathers; and Toniesha Salmond, who he raised like his own daughter. Also awaiting him at the gates of heaven was the love of his life Tonya Salmond.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his children, Timothy Gathers Jr. (Anneuris Torres Gathers) of Passaic, NJ, Jaquice Lankford of Paterson, NJ, Asia Lankford of Passaic, NJ, Jahan Gathers of Passaic, NJ, Saheed Gathers Sr. (Luisa) of Paterson, NJ, and Imani Smith of Passaic, NJ; four children that he raised like his own, Shakeil Shoemaker, Jalisa Shoemaker, Nikyia Salmond, and Naquasha Salmond of Paterson, NJ; three sisters, Flora Shennett (Charlie Shennett), Wendy Jones, and Linda Gathers of Passaic, NJ; three brothers, Bernard Gathers, Eric Gathers of Passaic, NJ, and Joseph Gathers of Arizona; his grandchildren, Jah’kier Gathers, Caydence Gathers, Za’Nyra Lankford, England Lankford, Anna Lee Marie Gathers, Saheed Gathers Jr., Aubri Volel, Jai Viona Salmond and Jaden Taylor; devoted girlfriend, Tonya Morrison and twenty-five nieces and nephews, many cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament - Keisha Salmond

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Lisa Greer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life
Bruce McLaurin

Selection

Words of Comfort
Rev. Robert Walker

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Timothy Ward Gathers** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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