



Dana always said, "Don't say goodbye ... say see you later"
This is not goodbye, we'll see you later



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*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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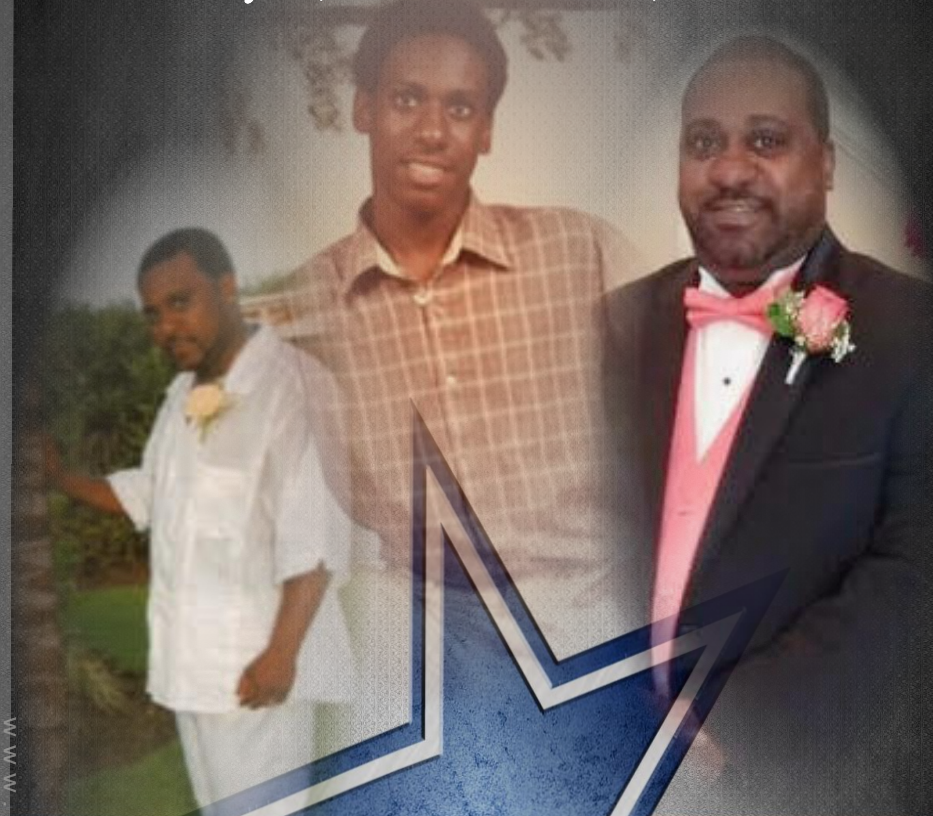
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The Celebration of Life for Dana Jackson

July 13, 1970 - October 29, 2020



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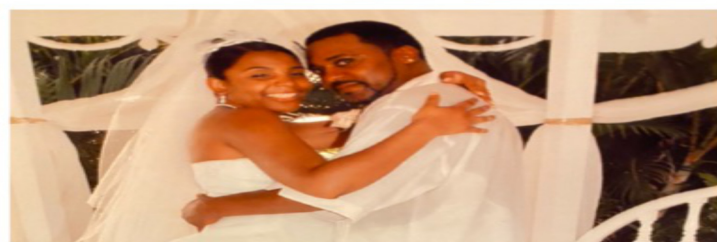
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 - 11:00 AM

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Philip Gilmore, Officiating

Joshua Nelson, Organist



Obituary

On July 13, 1970, Dana Maurice Randall Jackson was born to the late Arthur Brown and Trunese Jackson in Newark, New Jersey. Dana, affectionately known as “Smurf” in his youth, attended Eastside High School in Newark, NJ and graduated in 1988. Dana began working at United Airlines immediately after high school to support his newborn baby girl, Dominique Trunese. While he was working at United Airlines, he began working for the United States Postal Service in 1996. Dana soon welcomed a second child, his son, D’Maurice Randall. Due to unfortunate downsizing in United Airlines, Dana’s position was terminated in the year 2000. However, he continued to work for the USPS until his passing.

Dana was united in matrimony to Marla Jones in 2006 and became stepfather to two additional children: Mysia and Mykelle.

Dana joined St. John’s Community Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey in 2008 and would later serve on the Adult Usher Board as “Greeter”. Yes ... his effortless ability to make ANYONE laugh and infectious qualities that were accompanied with tight hugs, big kisses, and firm handshakes is what everyone would receive before entering the sanctuary. Dana always had a willingness to help people, he possessed the ideal character to be an usher. He was sincerely happy to use his gift to serve others and the Lord.

Dana’s personality would take over any room he would enter and change the tone of the atmosphere. Strangers

would gravitate to his essence and for those of us who knew him, we anticipated expressive interactions from whatever emerged from Dana’s mood. Dana was an enthusiastic sports fan with interests in all sports, but everyone knows he was a Dallas Cowboys fanatic. When he would see anyone with so much as a Dallas Cowboys’ hat, that was a green light to strike up conversations offering stats, team standings, commentating, and projections for the NFL season whether they wanted it or not. Dana learned fishing at a young age, and in recent years, enjoyed deep sea fishing trips with fellow coworkers. Dana just received word that he was going to be a grandfather. He was so excited he could not wait to share the news with loved ones and friends.

Dana departed this life at home on October 29, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Trunese, and his “Nana”, Elizabeth Clark-Jackson.

The memories of his love and laughter will remain in the hearts of his wife Marla, his children Dominique, Mysia, Mykelle, and D’Maurice, sisters Ilyana, Ravon, Artia, Sycoya, and brother Dustin, two sisters-in-law, Kimberly and Jovonka, two brothers-in-law Rodney and Terrence, his Aunt Barbara, cousins Richard and Da’Nay, special friends Elonda and Yolanda, many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and his “Little Girl” Casey.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalms 23..... Mother Barbara Harris

New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Deacon Tyree King III

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Roy Jackson

Solo.....Give Myself Away

Reading of ObituaryFirst Lady Crystal Gilmore

SoloGrateful

Eulogy Pastor Philip A. Gilmore

Recessional

