



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**



**WINTHROP J. SPENCE**

**OCTOBER 22, 1955 - NOVEMBER 1, 2020**



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 - 4:00 PM**

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

**1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey**

# OBITUARY

Winthrop Joseph Spence, 65, was born on October 22, 1955 in Kingston Jamaica, West Indies. Also known as "Winti" and "Dread," he departed this life leaving behind his legacy to continue his journey to Zion on November 1, 2020.

He was the loving son of Dorothy and the late Winston Spence Sr. While growing up in Jamaica he attended The Rellington Town Primary School. After graduating he migrated to the U.S in 1972, where he graduated from The Summit High School in Summit, New Jersey.

Winti was known for his gift and the love he had for the Arts. He was an outstanding athlete and received recognition as an All American High School Soccer Player.

Soon there after he found his love for Rastafarianism, while he began to focus on his love for Jah and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia as the Black Messiah and Rebirth of Christ.

After graduating high school he worked for Kemper Insurance Company. Then later moved on to JD Carton & Sons Moving Company. Following his heart, he moved on to accomplish higher achievements.

Dread was known as the "The King" and you couldn't tell him otherwise. His bright eyes, convincing smile and organic personality would brighten up the room anywhere he went. If you didn't want to have a conversation he was the wrong person to sit next to. He was so intelligent, full of knowledge and truth, he always had something to teach.

If you truly knew Winti, then you knew he was a family man who loved and adored his children and grand children. His definition of family was ONE LOVE, ONE HEART.

Sadly he has left behind to fulfill his legacy his spouse Malikah Prince-Hutchins. His children, Shawna, Jason, Makeda, Neferaten, Shakura, Kwame, Shola, Jahfari, Shamaala, Asatta, Jahsir, Makiyah and Yaniyah. His grandchildren, Monica, Manirah, De'shawn, Kinaya, Messiah, Amiya, Kwamir, Kingston, Marlie, King, Malayjah, Quayinah, Damari, Joaquin, Wisdom, Mia-Lee, Blessing and Serena. His siblings, Tony, Micheal, Norman, Mernel and the late Winston Jr. His son-in-laws, D'Juraido, Khalief and Joaquin. A host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

We love you Daddy but Jah loved you best and decided it was time for you go to Zion so you could finally rest.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Song.....The Lords Prayer By: Ms. Tiffini Hill

Prayer of Comfort .....Priest Kesis Tesfa Eyesus  
*of the Bistrate Gebriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church*

Scripture .....Psalms 71 verse 1-3 and 5-8  
Read by Marlie I. McCogg (Granddaughter)  
and Joaquin M. Elliott (Grandson)

Musical Selection..... “ I Wont Complain” By: Ms. Tiffini Hill

Reflection..... Family and Friends ( 2 minute limit)

Poem .....“ I AM FREE”  
Read by Malajah A. McBean (Granddaughter)

Obituary .....Monica S. Spence (Granddaughter)

Song..... “ Forward onto Zion” By The Abyssinians

Words of Comfort.....Priest Kesis Tesfa Eyesus  
*of the Bistrate Gebriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church*

Recessional.....Buffalo Soldier By Bob Marley and The Wailers

*To my children, “ Always remember, I Love You, and no matter what happens,  
each and every one of you are special to me in your own way” - Daddy*

# "I AM 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 and play.  
Task left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of 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 time, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to 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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*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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