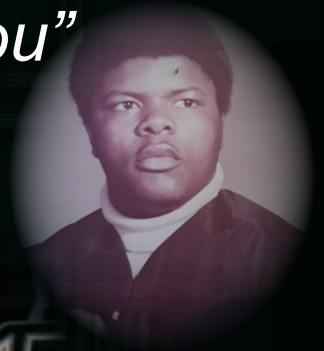


# IN LOVING MEMORY OF KEVIN JONES

Sunrise  
February 1, 1957

Sunset  
November 5, 2020

*"Thank You And God Bless You"*



PITTSBURGH  
**Steelers**

Saturday, November 14, 2020- 9:00 a.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey

# OBITUARY

It's a Steelers' Nation Heavenly Celebration!!!

This faithful Steelers Fan, our Kevin is on his way to the Superbowl in the sky with our Heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ.

Kevin was born February 1, 1957 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Marvin and Ruby Jones Reed.

Kevin was a lifelong resident of the city of Newark. He was baptized at an early age and a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. He graduated from Vailsburg High School and he attended Morgan State University. Kevin was a Supervisor of Maintenance at Essex County Vocational School in Bloomfield, New Jersey for many years. He also worked at Gambrel Electrical in Hillside, New Jersey.

Although Kevin never had children, he was a father figure to all his nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends' children and a special father figure to his niece Tiffany. He was "Uncle Kevin" to every child who knew him. He did a lot of volunteer work in the city of Newark. He attended every event involving his family and friends.

Most of all he loved football. He played football in high school but never had a chance to play football in college because of his health. He was also a lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He owned at least 30 jerseys, 40 caps, and other memorabilia. He knew the history of all the players and their backgrounds. He ate and lived for football. He knew all the National Football League 32 teams in NFC and AFC. He was his own sports commentator and should have been a live TV commentator. His second passion was basketball, and he knew everything about the NBA and WNBA, you named it he knew it. He loved sports. He was a sports historian.

At the age of 38 Kevin became sick at the end of 1996 from a virus that went to his heart. His doctors told him he would need a heart transplant. In May 1997 Kevin was blessed with a new "heart". It did not come easy. A week or so after the transplant he had to have part of this colon taken out. GOD and only GOD and his son Jesus Christ brought him through. During that time, he was hospitalized and he met numerous friends who were going through the same thing he was and some of them did not survive. GOD was saving him for something else. Throughout the years, he had numerous health problems, but he never ever gave up. He was so loved by all who knew him. He was so mannerable, caring, kind, and courteous. He always said, "Thank you and GOD bless you".

All the doctors (Dr. Zucker), nurses, nurse practitioners, and other staff members at Newark Beth Israel Heart Transplant Facility loved him and he received their incredibly special care always. We would also like to thank DaVita Dialysis and Kindey Center in Hillside for their support and services.

When our grandmother and mom became sick, he became their caregiver. Especially to our mother, what son would do that only Kevin.

Kevin never married, but he did have a special lady. All his friends and family called him Kev and loved him and looked out for him. If he needed help, they were there.

Kevin may have only lived a short 63 years but he had a life full of love for everyone. During the course of the years, his health began failing. Heart transplants normally last 6 to 10 years but Kevin had 24 years with his new heart. GOD gave him a special heart for him to give love to all.

Kevin is preceded in death by his father Marvin, his mother Ruby Jones Reed, his stepfather Henry Reed, his grandmother Mary C. Jones, brother and sister Larry Jones and Lorraine Jones Macklin.

Kevin leaves behind his second mother Aunt Fannie Glover, sister Olivia (Kenneth) Smith, stepsister Ann Reed, niece Tiffany (Rodney) Burton, great nephews Jeffrey, Terrell, Jordan and great niece Taylor. Cousins that are considered sisters and brothers who are Mae (James) Johnson, Darrell (Tamika) Glover Sr, Darrell Glover II, Trene (Kenny) Lewis, James (Gabby) Johnson, Jarrett (Jackie) Johnson, Tracey and Daniel Collins, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his special lady.

We all grew up together, we did not have much, but we sure had a lot of love for each other.

### **OUR LOVE FOR YOU WILL NEVER DIE**

Kevin a million times I needed you, I cried some many times on losing you.  
If only my love along could have saved you, you would have never died.  
In life I loved you so very much in death I love you more in my heart.  
It breaks my heart to see you go, but I know it was time for GOD to take you home

and He can take care of you better than I.

I must accept GOD did not see a cure for you, so He wrapped His loving Arms around you  
and whispered come with Me. My love for you my brother will never die.

Often you called out to our sister Lorraine who had gone before you,  
she is with GOD too waiting for you. So are Grandmama, Mom, Mr. Henry and Larry.

I will be there one day to join you all.  
Death leaves heartaches that nobody but, GOD can heal.  
Love leave a memory that no one can steal.

With All My Love,  
Olivia



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Professional

Selection

Scripture reading.....Pastor Tisha Jones  
Robert Foster

Prayer.....Deacon Kenneth Smith

Selection.....Emory Lee

Words of Comfort.....Deacon Kenneth Smith

Remarks.....Sylvester Jones  
Robert Foster  
Raheem Avent  
other family and friends  
(3 mins please)

Obituary .....Tiffany Burton

Selection.....Emory Lee

Eulogy .....Dr. Ralph Terrell

Final Viewing

Committal

Recessional

Pallbearers

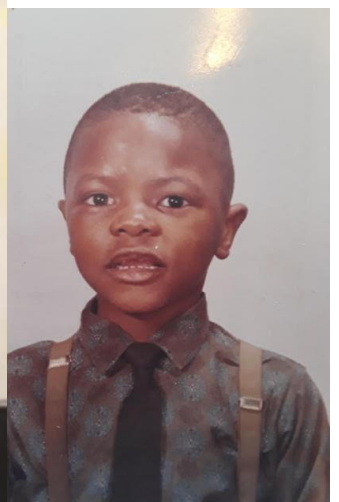
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Darell Glover Jr., Jeffrey Harrington,  
Terrell Johnson, Sylvester Jones, Robert Foster

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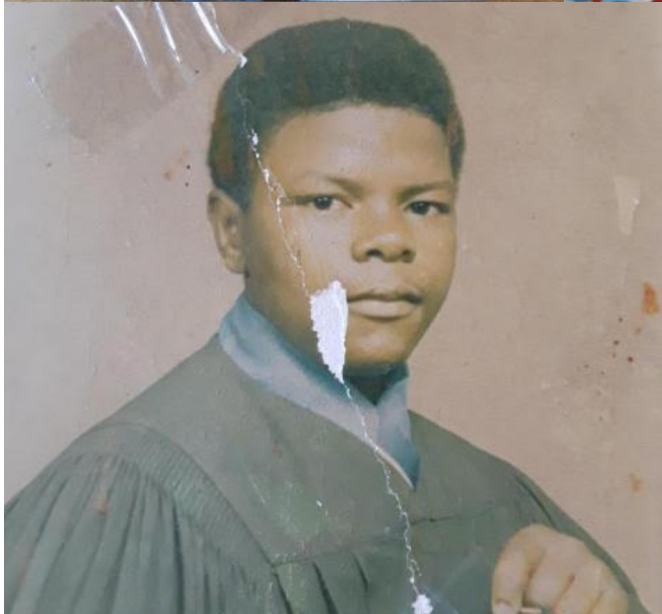
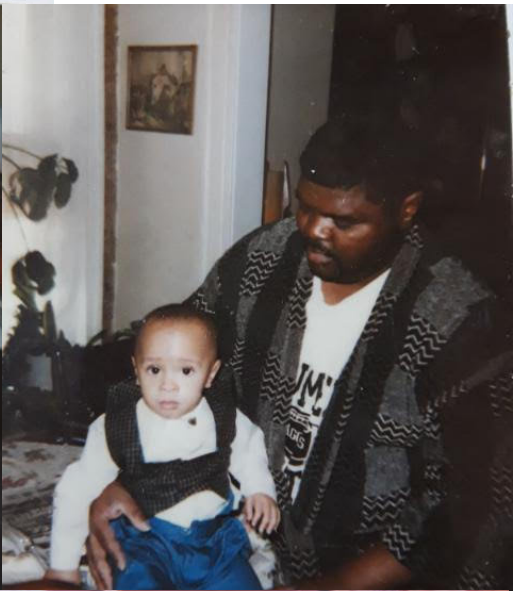
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Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

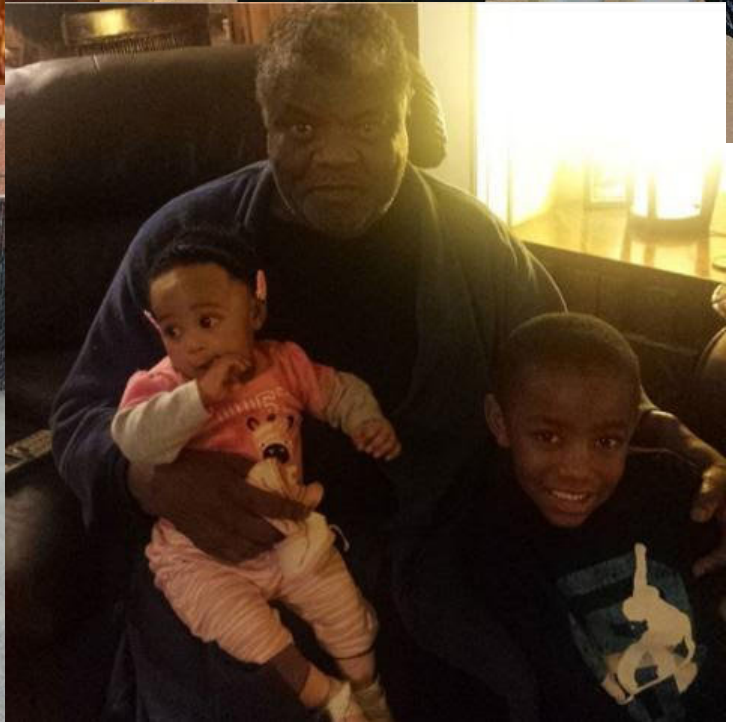












# I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've found now peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now – He set me free.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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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