



## *To Those I Love*

To those I love and those that love me,  
 When I am gone, release me, let me go  
 I have so many things to see and do  
 You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
 Be happy that we had so many years.  
 I gave you my love, you can only guess  
 How much you gave me in happiness  
 I thank you for the love you each have shown  
 But now it's time I travel alone  
 So grieve for a while for me if you must  
 Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
 It's only for a while that we must part  
 So bless the memories within your heart  
 I won't be far away, for life goes on  
 So if you need me, call and I will come  
 Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
 And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
 All my love around you so soft and clear  
 And then, when you must come this way alone  
 I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
 "Welcome Home."  
 -Author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Richard D. O'Neal** 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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## *Celebration of Life for*



*Richard D. O'Neal*

*"Boss"*

Sunrise:  
 June 29, 1970

Sunset:  
 November 8, 2020

Saturday, November 14, 2020 - 12:00 Noon

**Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield**  
 217-245 Passaic Street, Garfield, New Jersey  
 Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Officiating  
 Lawrence Lyles, Organist





## Obituary

Richard Darren O’Neal (aka “Boss”) was born on June 29, 1970 to the late Dick and Eloise O’Neal. Richard attended PS #21 and Passaic County Technical High School in Wayne, NJ. While attending PCT Richard majored in welding and upon graduating his desire was to become a master welder. Richard graduated from Passaic County Technical in 1989. After graduation, Richard went to work at the New York Mercantile Exchange as a Floor Reporter. On The Floor, Richard was “known to draw a crowd. He was considered to be a Rock Star within the NYMEX community. He spread joy and boisterous laughter and rocked the Natural Gas microphone like no other.” While working at the Mercantile Exchange, Richard experienced both World Trade Center bombings. He was employed at NYMEX for fifteen years.

In 1989, Richard met his wife Kimyada Slappy. They were introduced by her cousin John John, who at the time was Richard’s best friend in high school. Richard and Kimyada united in matrimony on October 2, 2004. Into their union Richard brought his baby girl, Lauren Freeman and on May 27, 2006 they had a baby boy, Kenyon O’Neal. Richard was a loving and caring father.

Richard was not a sports fan but he loved making money. He always had a side hustle. His favorite saying was “If it don’t make dollars it don’t make sense”. When Richard left NYMEX he started his own landscaping business, O’Neal Lawn Care and Property Maintenance. He learned and mastered landscaping from his father who also owned his own landscaping business. This had become full circle for Richard. He loved working outside. He loved going to the casino. His game of choice was Craps. He loved antique cars and watching old western movies. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

At a young age, Richard became a member of the Canaan Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham. Richard served on the

Canaan Youth Choir where he discovered his voice. Richard loved old hymns. In 2012, Richard became a faithful member of the Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield. He was training to become a Deacon. He was also very active in the Men’s Ministry and the Multi-Cultural Ministry. Richard loved his church family very much and any ideas that he had were shared among everyone.

Richard was a people person. He loved meeting new people and sharing his ideas. After the accident in 2014, Richard had a strong desire to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate. Richard and Kimyada both strong believers, established a non-profit organization called the Triple B Foundation. This stands for “Blessed to Be a Blessing”. The non-profit organization often collected and donated liquid soap and deodorant for the patients at St. Barnabas Burn Unit in Livingston, NJ. They donated turkeys to those in need for Thanksgiving, backpacks and school supplies to students for the upcoming school year.

Richard had a huge heart and an entrepreneurial spirit. His final dream of opening a Bagel Shop came to fruition on October 27, 2020 with the opening of NYC Bagel and Sandwich Shop in Maplewood, NJ. He was very proud and excited on opening day. His spirit will be missed beyond measure.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, Dick and Eloise O’Neal, his maternal grandparents, Early Sr. and Ada Walker, his paternal grandparents, Lucious and Lula Mae O’Neal, his brother, Lucious B. O’Neal along with several aunts and uncles.

Richard leaves to cherish precious memories, his loving, caring, devoted wife of sixteen years, Kimyada O’Neal of Union, NJ; his daughter, Lauren Freeman of Paterson, NJ; his son, Kenyon O’Neal of Union, NJ; two sisters, Veronica and Telisa O’Neal of Paterson, NJ; father and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Rhonda Slappy of Paterson, NJ, sister-in-law, Rasheena Slappy of Maplewood, NJ, brother-in-law, Jamal Slappy of Paterson, NJ; a special aunt, Gwenda Beshin of Passaic, NJ; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his Calvary Church family.

## The Order of Worship

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Presiding

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort #94 .....”Near The Cross”

The Written Word

Psalm 27

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn of Consolation #10 ...”O How I Love Jesus”

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort

Selection

Reflections of Life

Eulogy

Recessional

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