

In Loving Memory of



Tarik R. Ellis

February 27, 1969 - February 23, 2021

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 - 3:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Tarik Robert Ellis was born on February 27, 1969 to Robert Ellis and Erselle (Hayes) Ellis in Newark, New Jersey. Tarik walked into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 23, 2021, at the age of 51.

Tarik is survived by his wife, Shomnik Gayles-Ellis; his one daughter & his two son Tarik Mack, and Nyrik Ellis; step-children, Azaih Connell, Ahbreaaha Gayles, and Agionna Gayles; parents, Robert and Erselle Ellis; sister, Lynn Ellis-Turner; a nephew; two nieces; a uncle; four aunts; cousins; and friends.

Tarik received his academics through the Newark Public School system, graduating in 1987 from Eastside High School. He began his employment for over 20 years at FedEx as a Team Lead, resigning in 2015, to then pursue and obtain employment at the Irvington Public Works Department as a Laborer. Over the years, he established meaningful relationships with his colleagues, as they worked as a team to support each other and complete assignments.

Tarik was raised in Newark, New Jersey, spending most of his adult life on 20th Street, where childhood friends surrounded him, of whom he grew a loving family bond with. Tarik dedicated himself to his community as he played the role of a friend, a leader, an advisor, a confidant, and a protector. If Tarik considered you family, there was nothing that he would not do for you. He did not ask much of others, as he was a very modest and humble man. He accepted people as they were, and only wanted the best for others. He was truly, a deserving man.

Tarik's pride and joy were his children. There was not a moment that went by that he did not speak highly of them, from his daughter writing a book, to Tarik getting his HVAC license, to Nyrik graduating; all were joyful moments for him, as he was undoubtedly proud of his children. He also took great admiration in watching Ahbreaaha and Agionna grow from early elementary years into their junior high and high school years, noting often, how he enjoyed their conversations on their walks to and from school. Many days he was still baffled at witnessing Azaih navigate through young adulthood as he reminisced on being at her birth. These are only a glimpse of his proudest moments, and the love he had for his children was truly over-flowing.

He was not a man of many words; however, his body expressions spoke volumes. For first impressions, one would assume he was unsociable; however, he was a gentle giant. His personality was magnified in times of comfort, when surrounded by authentic people, when watching his Pittsburgh Steelers playing, and when listening to his club music. His comfort zone allowed him to be free spiritually, and two-step his way around smiling ear to ear.

We certainly are proud to call him husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. He has left a lasting impression, in which we all will continue to feel his spirit, and be filled with the joy he has embedded in our hearts and thoughts.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

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 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 found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored 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!

-author unknown

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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