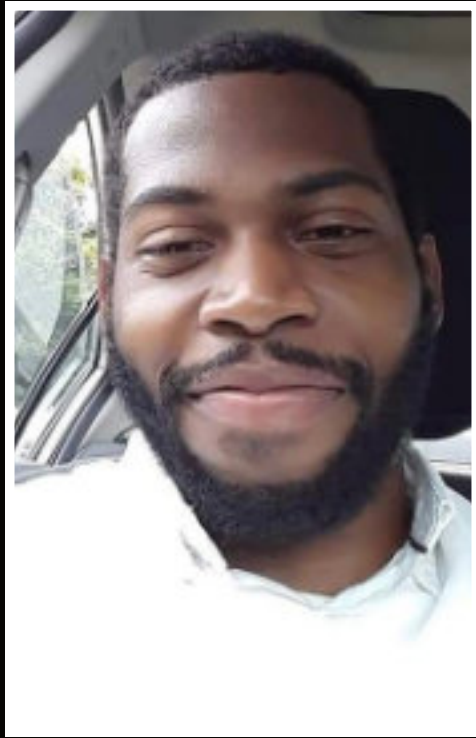


Celebrating the Life

of



Dayshawn Jaquail Cotten

Sunrise
March 18, 1990

Sunset
March 22, 2021

Thursday, April 1, 2021 - 12:00 Noon

Chapel

630 St. Nicholas Avenue

New York, New York 10030

Pastor Robert Kilpatrick II, Officiating

Minister Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary

Dayshawn Jaquail Cotten was born on March 18, 1990 to Mary Cotten-Saul and Darrell Boylan in Harlem Hospital New York. Dayshawn was the last born for both parents. Dayshawn was educated in the New York City school system. He attended PS. 9 in the Bronx and later attended Twin Towers Middle School in Middletown, NY. and Middletown High School as well, where he earned his High School Diploma. After high school Dayshawn moved back to Harlem. Dayshawn liked making his money so he would always seem to have a job. Dayshawn has worked in the fastfood industry, The Empire State Building, Seasonal Stadium work and his last job was working for the NYC Housing Authority. Dayshawn grew up in the church as a little boy with his mother, brothers and sister attending Salvation & Deliverance Church in Harlem. He later became a member of the St. Johns AME Zion Church in Middletown, NY, attending services with his mother and step-father Rob. Dayshawn enjoyed sports, especially basketball. He also loved playing games on his PS4. Dayshawn was easy to like and everyone seemed to get along with him. He was quiet and a good listener and he would take his time before becoming comfortable enough to open up to someone or make a decision. He enjoyed spending time with his brothers and sisters and friends. Dayshawn would not hesitate to attend family outings with his father, family and friends in the neighborhood. He also loved playing and joking around with his nephews and niece.

Dayshawn also known as "Day Day" to many was a very strong minded and determined young man when he focused on something that he wanted to achieve. He was very private as well. He was private to the point that only a very few people knew that he even had cancer. When Dayshawn was first diagnosed in 2016 with MPNST (Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor) he was devastated. After learning about the mountain that he had to climb with this type of cancer, he prepared himself for battle, letting God lead the way. During the course of his treatment which began at Memorial Sloane Kettering Hospital Dayshawn endured chemotherapy, radiation, oral medications. Later he started receiving services from Columbia Presbyterian Hospital where he had surgery and "clinical trials". With all this treatment Dayshawn never wavered in his faith and his belief that God was in charge. During the last year of his treatment, his relationship with God was enhanced on a level that many did not get a chance to experience.

On the morning of March 22, 2021, with his mother sitting at his side Dayshawn took his last three breaths and peacefully went home to be with the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Cotten.

Dayshawn leaves to cherish his memories, his pride and joy, his mother, Mary Cotten-Saul; father, Darrell Boylan; step-father, Robert Saul; sister, Molesha Clee; brother, Darrell Boylan; step-sister, Sharise Hackney; step-brother, Robert Saul; grandmothers, Emma Cotten and Lavenia Boylan; aunts, Felicia Cotten, Latoya Cotten, Pamela Boylan, Renea Boylan, Gwendolyn Rocker; uncles, David Cotten, Ernest Cotten, Richard Saul, Rory Saul, Ronald Saul; one niece and eight nephews and a host of loving cousins and other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony.....First Lady Tiffany Kilpatrick
Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Elizabeth Hodge
Scripture.....Tammy Sibert
Old Testament
New Testament
Selection.....Evangelist Evelyn Hodge
Mother's Poem.....Renea Boylan
Cousins Poem.....Shaquel Dozil
Remarks (2-3 minutes)Friends and Family
Acknowledgements, Cards
and Condolences.....First Lady Tiffany Kilpatrick
Obituary.....Felicia Cotten
Selection.....Minister Tyrone Richardson
Eulogy.....Pastor Robert Kilpatrick II
Final Viewing Heaven's Touch Funeral Service, Inc.
Benediction
Recessional

Interment
Mount Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey



Don't

Don't spend too much time in
mourning,
Tears are for the sad;
I left to be with Jesus
And this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving,
No need to feel distress;
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.

Don't puzzle yourself with questions

Or try to reason why

Life here for me was ended,

It came my time to die.

Don't lose the love I gave you

Feed it with your care;

Grow it with devotion

And spread it everywhere.

Don't fret because my leaving

Came in such a way;

We'll have another meeting

In God's eternal day.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Dayshawn Cotten** 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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