

Celebrating the Life  
of  
**Terence Neilson Graham**

Sunrise  
October 21, 1967

Sunset  
April 23, 2021



Service:  
Saturday, May 8, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

**Israel Memorial AME Church**  
54 Lincoln Street • Newark, NJ  
*Rev. Cedric McKoy, Officiating*

# Obituary

Terence, or Terry as he was affectionately known to family and friends, was born to Janice and Craig Graham on October 21, 1967 in Newark, NJ. Terry was educated at Broadway Elementary School in Newark, NJ before moving to Springfield, NJ where he attended Springfield Public Schools graduating from Jonathan Dayton High School in 1985.

Terry worked for the City of Newark as a Building Inspector before moving to West Palm Beach, Florida to live briefly. Upon returning to New Jersey, he was employed at Brookhaven Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare in East Orange, NJ for many years until his illness caused him to be unable to work.

Terry loved music and had a beautiful singing voice. Two of his favorite songs were Better Days Are Coming, by Le'Andria Johnson and Return of the Mack. 9 He could also draw, displaying extraordinary artistic abilities at a very young age. But the one thing Terry loved the most in this world, aside from his family were his dogs. Those were his babies.

Predeceased by his parents Janice and Craig Graham and son Shawn Taylor, he leaves to cherish his memory, one sister, Cheryl Hunt (Jerry) of Raandallstown, MD, children, Michael Freeman, Shanee Graham, Tara Graham, Virginia Carter, Terence Graham II, Kyron Graham, Olivia McRae, Gracie Graham and stepsons Jaylen and Shakir Hartwell whom he helped to raise with his longtime companion Shakirah Hartwell.

He will also be missed by his grandchildren, Najanee', Mylah, Mazhe', Nahjay, Nahfee, M'kai., Nasiya, Sanaa, Savion, Gabriel and Gabriella as well as uncles, aunts, cousins and a many friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

*Rev. Cedric McKoy*

Recessional

*Private Cremation*

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, NJ

*The time has come to say good bye  
In your mind  
Relax your thoughts  
For I have fought long  
And it is now time for me to return home  
To be forever healed  
To lavish in the presence of my parents  
To be held in the arms of the lord  
I will be singing every song every chord  
So remember my voice and the tunes it held  
Please don't cry  
For I have fought a good fight  
sang a good song  
And it is now time for the Mac to return to  
Where he belongs*

## *Acknowledgment*

The family 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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