

In Loving Memory of

William Knight



June 29, 1952 - May 25, 2021

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

William James Knight was born to Joe and Dorothy Knight on June 29, 1952, in the Ironbound section of Newark, NJ (Down Neck). He attended Oliver Street Elementary School and East Side High School, where he won honors as a varsity wrestler and swimmer. Learning from his father's strong work ethic, he achieved personal independence early in life and was able to help his parents and younger siblings through difficult seasons. In his spare time, he used his skills as a handyman to help other members of the family and community.

He attended New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. After years of service, was ordained as a deacon under the late Reverend Elliot Jones and late Chairman Deacon U.D. Jones. He also served nearly two decades and worked tirelessly at the church to support the ministries of the late Reverend Willie S. Wilburn D.D. and his wife Rev. Dr. Wanda Wilburn. He worked responsibly to support his family as a delivery owner operator and served as a great example of hard word and loyalty to his children, nieces, nephews and other young people.

He leaves to mourn a wife, Veronica Knight, and (7) children: Nina Fredericks (Lloyd Fredericks), William Maurice Knight (Candice Knight), Francine Ibiang, Franshon Knight, Marquise James Knight Sr. (Delores Knight), Veronica Pena (Jose Pena) and Daniel Knight; (9) grandchildren: Jeremiah Ibiang, Fidelis Ibiang, Mike Ibiang, Marquise James Knight Jr., Tyree Knight, Joshua Knight, Starlyn Fredericks, Nihia Fredericks and Ava Pena; (5) siblings: Sharon Taylor, Deborah Mason, Joyce Wilson (Tom Wilson), Michelle Cummings (Henry Cummings) and Michael Knight (Melissa Knight); surviving aunts: Gail Graves and Linda Moore (5) sisters in-law: Ceretha Meyers (Thaddeus Meyers), Constancia Varner (David Varner), Jacqueline Ventura (Luis Ventura), Angela Jones (Eric Jones) and Audrey Anderson (John Anderson); (3) brothers in-law: Ulysses Jones (Shawna Jones), Anthony Jones and Christopher Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Order of Service

Officiating: Rev. Dr. Wanda Wilburn

(New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church | Newark, NJ
Rev. R. Pinkston, Senior Pastor) & Rev. Dr. Wanda Wilburn

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament Reading: Christopher Jones

New Testament Reading: Ulysses Jones

Prayer of Consolation: Rev. Randolph Cain

Selection: Min. Kevin Williams (Accompanied by Prof. J. Rufflin)

Reading of the Obituary: Minister Melissa Knight

Memories and Appreciation—2 minutes/person

Selection: Professor James Rufflin

Eulogy & Close: Rev. Dr. Wanda Wilburn

Pallbearers:

Marquise James Knight Sr.
Terrance Knight
Kyle Wilson
Michael York
Bernard Sasser
Marquise James Knight Jr.

Reserve Pallbearers:

Lloyd Fredericks
Jose Pena
Kareem Anderson

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey



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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