



The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Jonathan Cornell Watson, Sr.** 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.

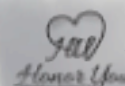
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Celebrating The Life of Jonathan Cornell Watson, Sr. "Hooly"

October 13, 1963 - June 1, 2021



Obituary

Jonathan Cornell Watson, Sr. was born in Passaic, NJ on October 13, 1963. He was born to Theresa Wright Watson and the late Joe Bo Watson.

Jonathan was reared in the City of Passaic and was educated in the public schools of Passaic. He was a proud graduate of Passaic High School Class of 1981.

At an early age, Jonathan confessed Christ as his personal savior, was baptized and became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney.

During his youth Jonathan was active in Church School, was a member of the choir, drove the church van and was one of the original Junior Deacons who served in the early years of Pastor McKinney's tenure. In this capacity he often led and participated in the Sunday worship services.

Prior to the deterioration of his health, Jonathan was employed as a truck driver for Shredd It. He had also worked in the restaurant industry in managerial positions.

Jonathan also found joy in his part-time employment for the Paterson Public Schools as Assistant Coach for the basketball team at Norman S. Weir School (the Tigers). Coaching allowed him to help his players to develop teamwork and discipline, and he also encouraged them to take seriously their academic studies. He was loved and respected by the staff, parents and children. In addition to coaching, Jonathan was also a referee for various sports events in the North Jersey area with his friend Darryl Washington.

Jonathan peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 in Hackensack, NJ after a lengthy illness.

Throughout his health challenges, Jonathan never complained. He courageously kept pushing and continued to do what he could for his family and his friends. He was determined not to allow his illness to rob him of enjoying life, laughter and enjoying special moments. His love, laughter and kindness will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Jonathan leaves to cherish his loving memories his loving mother, Theresa Watson of Passaic, NJ; daughter, Tiffany Watson and son, Jonathan Watson, Jr. both of Yonkers, NY; brothers, Kevin Watson of Parlin, NJ, Joseph Watson (Michelle) of Elmwood Park, NJ, and Chester Hinton, Jr. of Passaic, NJ; sisters, Maricia (Sissy) Watson of Paterson, NJ and Avis Watson of Columbia, SC; aunts, Sharon Wright Isham of Garfield, NJ and Carrie Watson West of Saluda, SC; his devoted friend and longtime companion, Cynthia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

In Memory Of "Coach Jon"

Jonathan Watson served as Norman S. Weir School's Assistant Basketball Coach for more than 12 years leading the Tigers to numerous victories, undefeated seasons and three Championships at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY alongside his longtime friend and mentor Coach Darryl Washington. His greatest source of pride was not the wins and losses, honors bestowed, or championships won. It was the love and passion for teaching the life skills on the court that would give young men and women the tools necessary to become the best they could be. He did this through his own relentless hard work and never quit attitude. Coach Watson never missed a practice or a game and had the remarkable ability to connect with everyone, putting the needs of his players before his own. He strived to instill in them character values and the qualities needed to be successful in life. His devotion to the school and the team was unparalleled and served to inspire a love of the game, always bringing out the energy, sportsmanship and the strength and talent of each player.

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've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Friday, June 11, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield
217- 249 Passaic St., Garfield, NJ
Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Officiating
Lawrence Lyles, Organist

The Order of Worship

Minister Gina McKinney ~ Presiding

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort#94”Near The Cross”

The Written WordPsalms 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 Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Recessional

Interment
Saturday, June 12, 2021 -10:00 a.m.
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
255 Main Avenue
Clifton, New Jersey