

*In Loving Memory of*

*Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,"*

*Jim Eric Mobley*

Sunrise  
February 1, 1970

Sunset  
June 2, 2021

Monday, June 21, 2021 - 11:00 am

**Holy Tabernacle Church**  
407 E. 114th Street  
New York, New York 10029

# Eulogy

**Jim Eric Mobley** entered the earthly realm on February 1st, 1970 at New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY.

He departed this earth on June 2nd, 2021 at the age of 51 to claim his victory.

Eric was preceded in death by his mother, Rose Marie Ellis and his maternal Grandmother Viola Shiver.

He is survived by his daughter Cynderra Maeree Mobley , grandson Corey Taycyn Covington, granddaughter Satarra Raelie Covington, His father Jim Eddie Mobley (Anna Mobley), his brothers John Phillip Mobley, Craig Mobley (Natasha Mobley), and Ronald Mobley. Godsons Shane Woney Jr. and Tee'ahbee Smith, honorary step-son Xavier Ingram, Aunt Mary Kaye Shiver, Cousins Issac Blount and Wanda Shiver, a host of family, loved ones, and friends.

Although a less than average life span, Eric did not live an average life. He traveled where he wanted to travel, achieved career heights others dream of, laughed inappropriately at every chance, learned what he wanted to learn, did what he wanted to do, and loved who he wanted to love.

Eric attended John Phillip Sousa Jr High, Bronx, NY and Salesian High School, New Rochelle, NY. Followed by 1 year at Allegheny Community College, Cumberland MD. Eric finished his collegiate career at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA where he joined the legacy of basketball greats as a Pitt Panther.

He is remembered today as one of Pitt's best shot-blockers of all time, as he ranks second in career blocks. Pitt head coach Jeff Capel described him as "one of the best players in our program's history."

Eric's love of basketball began at a young age. Honing his skills on the courts of Edenwald and in the prestigious AAU Basketball Goucho's gym, Eric went on to achieve what many only dream of. As a U.S. high school basketball All-American, Eric Played in the 1989 'Dapper Dan Roundball Classic' in Pittsburgh, PA where he played on the U.S. East All-Star team. He was dubbed, "America's best kept secret" much to the delight of Pitt men's basketball coach, Paul Evans who would later become Eric's college coach .

His drive, his unyielding determination, his talent, and his sacrifices, all paved the way for him to become the 1st round, 18th pick in the 1994 NBD draft. His professional career began with the Milwaukee Bucks and later as a player for the Vancouver Grizzlies. After his professional career, Eric led a quiet retirement.

Eric was a lover of people. He collected them as cherished gifts. He loved hard and loved long. People gravitated towards Eric. Initially intrigued and in awe over his size, people quickly realized Eric's gentle ways, his generosity of spirit, his inner light, and his big heart was what drew them in.

An achiever of dreams, a dream maker and dream fulfiller, Eric generously gave of himself to those he cared about. He was a humble and gentle giant with a quiet

voice and a smile to give. Often spending lengthy time away from family and friends on a mission to achieve.

Private was the face he showed the world. But those that really knew him knew that when Eric got on the phone, it would last for hours. There was no subject that was off limits and no laugh that was too long. Eric made good use of the time and wasn't often at a loss for words.

Eric lived life on his terms. Always a dreamer- a man with a plan and a conspiracy theory to go along with it.

Eric loved music. Eric B. & Rakim, The Isley Brothers, Luther, Prince, and Run DMC were his favorites.

Without formal lessons, Eric was a self-taught and accomplished drum player. He played in Jr. High School and in church as a teenager.

Eric lived life to the beat of his own drum. He always had a unique way of looking at life and chose to live his life in his own unique way.

Eric never lost the will to make things happen or to make life better. He loved his daughter, his grandbabies, his family, and his friends with everything in him. His plan was always a plan for the future. Eric was a giver and a light bringer. A friend and confidant. Eric was a team player in this game we call life.

At the end of day, Eric is gone from our sight and out of reach. But he will never truly be gone from us. His legacy will live on in our memories, in our stories, in the streets around Edenwald, in our children, at the dinner table, on the court, and in our hearts.

He will be watching us as the protector he was and waiting for us on the other side with that half smirk that was uniquely his, with an opinion and a loving yet blatant critique on how we did in the 4th quarter of our lives. We should expect nothing less.

Jim Eric Mobley, the gentle giant. Born February 1, 1970.

#52.

Eric.

E-Mob.

Daddy, Granddad, Godfather, and Son.

Brother, Uncle, and Confidant.

Nephew, Cousin, and Mentor.

Team mate, Co-parent, and First love.

Soul Mate, Soul Brother, and Friend.

Gone from us too soon is a man who was so much to so many.

He left us with bigger shoes than we could ever fill...literally.

Eric Mobley, died on June 2, 2021.

"At the end of the day, it is what it is. - E-Mob

# Order of Service

**Officiating Minister**  
Bishop Ronald Hopkins

**Prayer**

**Scripture**  
Bishop Designate Kasiem McKeith

**Song Selection**

**Love Note**  
Shelia Jefferson

**Obituary Reading**  
Craig Mobley

**Musical Selection**  
Isaac and Joey Jefferson

**Eulogy**  
Bishop Ronald Hopkins

**Benediction**

**Pallbearers-**  
Isaac Blount, Jerry McCullough, Andre Alridge, Derek Jones, Derrick Frazier, Andre Rodriguez

## Interment

Mt Pleasant Cemetery  
Hawthorne, New York

## Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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