

*A Celebration
Of Life for*



Mr. Alvin Cameron Downing
"Chip"

Sunrise
September 6, 1970

Sunset
August 23, 2021

*Friday, September 3, 2021
Ten O'Clock in the morning*

*Triumphant Judah Praise Ministries
1961 Raritan Road
Scotch Plains, New Jersey*

*Rev. Bernard Johnson - Pastor, Officiating
Pastor Roger Harris - Eulogist*

Obituary

Alvin Cameron Downing was born to Lila Robinson and David Downing on September 6, 1970 in East Orange NJ. He was affectionately known by all as "Chip". He departed this life on August 23, 2021, in Daytona Beach FL.

Chip spent his younger years attending Plainfield public schools where his zest for sports - basketball and football especially flourished into his lifelong passion. In June 1988, Chip graduated from Plainfield High School. With his love for basketball, he attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC on a full scholarship. After returning to Plainfield, Chip pursued a career as a Plainfield Firefighter in 1992 where he graduated 2nd in his class. He pursued additional training through the Executive Developmental Institute (EDI) by Carl Holmes where he was certified on all Fire Department apparatus - Engines, Trucks and Rescue. Committed to his craft, Chip joined Community Oriented Fire Fighters for Eminent Equality 501c3 (C.O.F.F.E.E) and was determined to ensure equality for all African American Firefighters. His 24 years of dedication and commitment to Plainfield Fire Department and his community were felt by all until his recent retirement.

With his love for athletics, Chip played basketball with different leagues in the community and tri-state area. He was heralded for his accolades on and off the court. When he wasn't playing basketball, he was involved football and numerous other sports. If he wasn't he was playing the sport himself, he was watching his beloved New York Giants. He played football all over the tri-state area where his talent and skill were always admired. After years of lessons learned he switched his focus, retired to Daytona Beach, FL and continued with his passion as an avid pool player. He excelled at pool just as with any other sport. He garnering many tournament championships along the way.

All that encountered Chip were gifted to enjoy his wit and charm. You couldn't help but join in on his active social life. As an active member of Cosmos Social Club, Chip ensured the laughter never ended. His focus was always to make sure you were having a good time. We'll all remember those days of laughter vividly.

In his personal moments, Chip was a loving father to his two daughters Taylor Sade and Nya Jasmine Downing of Piscataway, NJ., a devoted older brother to John Robinson of North Brunswick, NJ and Marie Robinson of Daytona Beach, FL, a proud grandfather to his grandson Kam'ron Ogieva-Downing, an amazing uncle to Kaemya, Kenneth Jr., Antoino, John Jr, and Kayani and a lifelong cousin/best friend to Leslie Hawkins of Daytona Beach, FL.

Chip leaves to cherish his memory a undeniable brotherhood built of lifelong friendship with, Roderic (Comrade) Carson, Demetris Carson, Trey Willis, JuJuan Jones, Michael (Big Mike) James and countless others.

He is succeeded by his Aunt Juantia Brown of Port Orange FL, uncle John Hawkins of Daytona Beach, FL, uncle Carl Hawkins of West Orange, NJ, and God mother Rose Bailey-Byers of East Orange, NJ. Along with a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Lila Robinson, father Arthur Roy Downing, grandmother Mattie Hawkins, grandfather John Hawkins, Uncle Robert (Marshall) Hawkins, best friend Gregory (Termite) Turman.

Order of Service

Musical Selection Kimberly Givens

Scripture Reading Pastor Neville Copeland

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Bernard Johnson

Condolences and Obituary

Firefighter Tributes

Reflections3 minutes

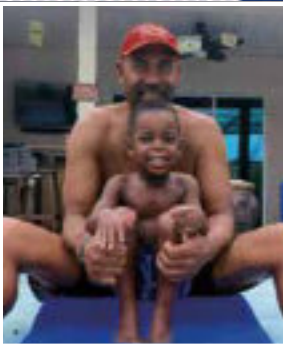
Musical Selection.....Julia Egerton

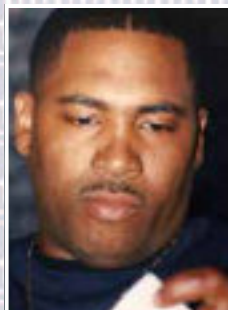
EulogyPastor Roger Harris

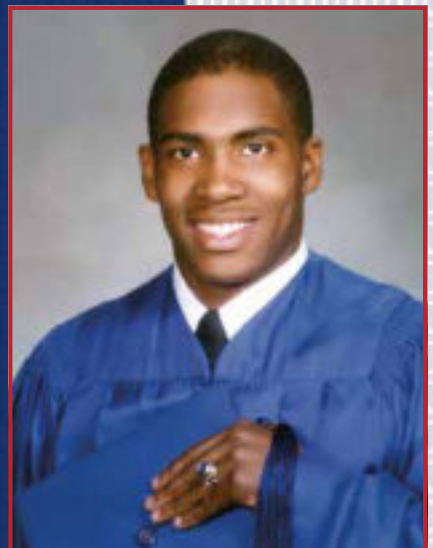
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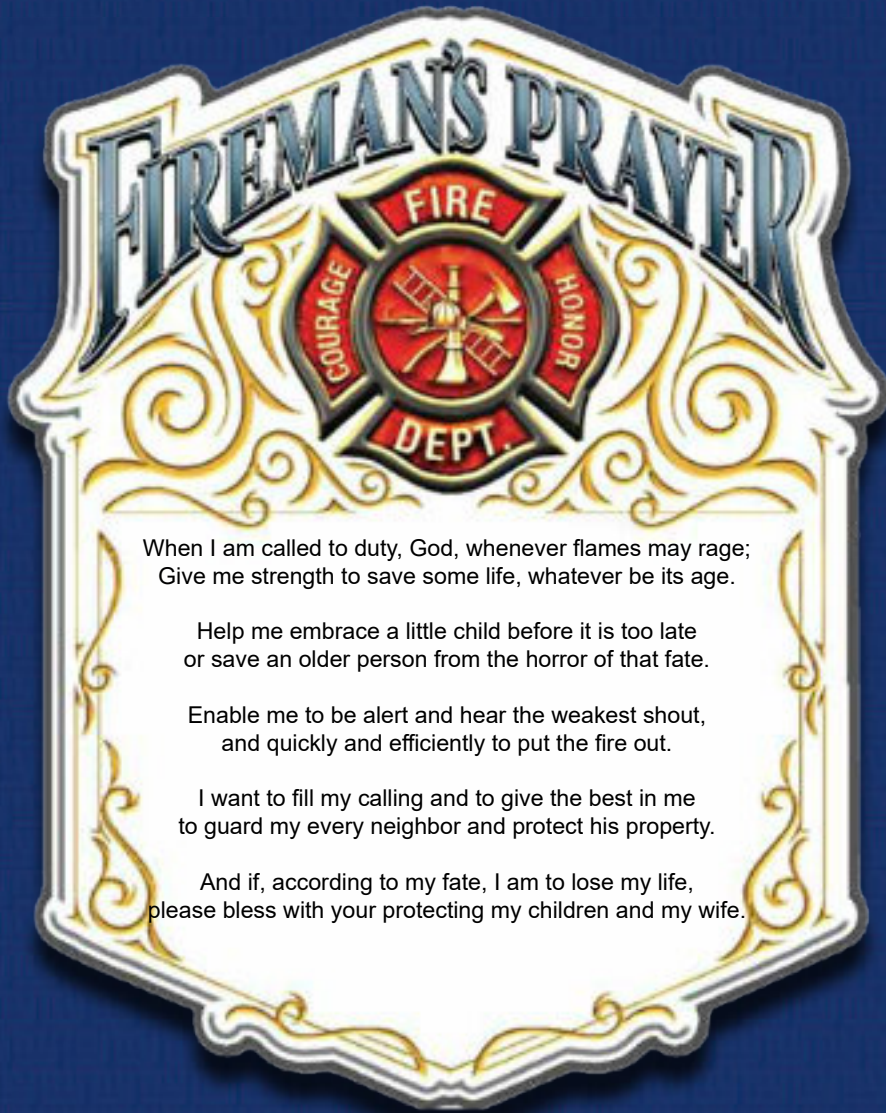
*Immediately following the service, Alvin's cremated remains will be interred in
Fairmount Cemetery, 620 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ*











When I am called to duty, God, whenever flames may rage;
Give me strength to save some life, whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child before it is too late
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me
to guard my every neighbor and protect his property.

And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life,
please bless with your protecting my children and my wife.



Until We Meet Again ...



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