

*Celebrating the Life  
of*

A portrait of a man with a beard and a black headband, looking slightly to the left. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a sunburst effect behind his head.

*Anthony McNeal, II*

**Sunrise**  
**July 9, 1986**

**Sunset**  
**August 31, 2021**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.**

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256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

# Obituary

## Thank You All For Showing Up This Day

### We Have A Heavy Heart

All I want for today. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow is far away. He has no more, today's. Yet we have memories of yesterday. Gone too soon is sad to say. All we have today, I can't say I don't want anyone to mourn the length of his life. Rejoice in his yesterday. He is the guardian of light on your darkest night.

Anthony McNeal II was born in New York City before moving to Paterson, NJ where he attended Public School #12, and John F. Kennedy High School.

He is preceded in death by his father, Anthony McNeal; his paternal grandparents, William and Dorothy McNeal; and three uncles, William Sexton McNeal, Gregory McNeal, Leslie McNeal.

Anthony McNeal II was given his wings on August 31, 2021.

He leaves to cherish precious memories, 10 children, Kymoni Pierce, Za'Niya McNeal, Leihanna McNeal, Reihanna McNeal, Anthony McNeal III, Malachi McNeal, Leslie McNeal, William McNeal, Douglas McNeal, and Terrence McNeal; one grandson, Kaylon Anthony Williams; his mother, Kathleen Sanford; five sisters, Samantha, Melissa, Ebony, Desiree, and his twin sister, Gwendolyn; paternal uncle and aunt, Ronnie and Sharon McNeal; 3 nieces, 3 nephews, 1 great niece, 1 great nephew, and a host of cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

My only son, playful, funny, happy, crazy, a lover not a fighter.

### *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 found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

*Final Disposition*

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

I am learning how to live  
In a new way  
Since that day  
You were taken away.

I am learning how to live  
With the things left unsaid  
Knowing I got to say them  
With every tear that I shed.

I am learning how to live  
By embracing the pain  
Knowing that you live on  
Through the memories  
that remain.

I am learning how to live  
Knowing I will never  
again see your face  
And I have peace knowing  
You're in a better place.

I am learning how to live  
Knowing you're in God's care  
It gives me the strength to move on  
And makes the pain much easier to bear.

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **Anthony McNeal, II** 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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