



Celebration of Life for

Joseph C. Moses
aka
"World Famous Chuck Scott"

Sunrise: April 27, 1946 - Sunset: September 3, 2021

**I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED
THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH - 2 Timothy 4:7**

**Friday, September 17, 2021
Viewing: 9AM • Service: 10AM**

**The Abyssinian Baptist Church
132 Odell Clark Place, New York, NY 10030
Reverend Calvin O. Butts III - Officiating Pastor**

Obituary

Joseph Curtis Moses was born on April 27, 1946 in Harlem, New York. He was the middle child of the late Jessie Mae Gilliam.

Joseph grew up in East Harlem with his mother, older brother Henry and younger sister Yvette. During his formative years, he was known as “Cookie.” He attended the local area schools. During those years, Joseph grew to love music. In particular, the Motown sound. Because of his love for music, he was a frequent visitor to the Apollo Theater. While at the Apollo, he would meet and become friends with many of the performers who came there. As a result, he created the alter ego, “Chuck Scott”.

Chuck Scott as he was commonly known, was a sharp dresser and the life of the party. He began his party days at the Shalimar Night Club in Harlem in the late 60's. Years later he continued to enjoy attending the Felix Hernandez dances at Roseland.

In between attending dances, he became a DJ and Master of Ceremonies at many local parties that were held throughout the city. Because of this, he coined himself “World Famous”.

He also held regular jobs through the years. The jobs ranged from middle management level positions to his final position at Columbia University. At Columbia University he was a Building Custodian for 19 years.

On his birthday in 2002, Joseph married Katrina Smalls and moved to Brooklyn. While moving to Brooklyn was new to him, he learned to embrace living there. He and Katrina began traveling around the world. He enjoyed going to places like Hawaii, Brazil and the Bahamas.

In addition to traveling and going to parties, he enjoyed spending time with his daughter Michellina. In his younger years, Joseph would walk with her around Harlem showing her all of the food eateries and places where he grew up. He was also the father to Michael, with whom he would fondly trade stories with of their life experiences.

Since 2017, Joseph's health had been on the decline. He was in various nursing homes and hospitals with a host of different illnesses. During those stays, a host of family members and friends would call and visit him to offer support and to cheer him up.

He fought a good fight until the end. And now he will be at peace with his mother and brother whom he missed dearly.

He is survived by: his wife, Katrina; daughter, Michellina Hunter; son, Michael Saunders; sister, Yvette Gilliam (Mike); sister-in-law, Denise Clayton; stepdaughter, Tiffany Smalls; stepson, Eugene Smalls; grandson, Gavin Norman; nieces and nephews; along with a host of friends.

The Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Ministers • Officials • Family

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

HYMN OF COMFORT

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Eunice Newkirk

TRIBUTES

Kevin Livingston

John Walker

Cecil Mullins

THE OBITUARY READING

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

“Amazing Grace”

Eunice Newkirk

EULOGY

Reverend Calvin O. Butts III

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

“I’ll Fly Away”

INTERMENT:

Forest Green Park Cemetery

Morganville, New Jersey



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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the 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 you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured 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.

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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