

Celebration of Life For



Darius John Dawkins

Sunrise
February 18, 1971

Sunset
September 14, 2021

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - 10:00 am

Christ the King
768 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07304
Lee Roper, Eulogist
William Statham, Jr.

Reflections of Life

Darius John Dawkins “Mookie” was born on February 18, 1971 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was Preceded in death by his parents John C. and Barbara Jean Dawkins, and his sister Thelma L. Dawkins.

Darius was educated in the Jersey City Public School System and attended Henry Snyder High School. He worked in the construction field until his health began to fail him. “As he would say, he’s from the school of the hard knocks”.

Darius was a loving kind-hearted person, who was devoted to taking care of his sisters from a very young age. He later had children of his own who was his pride and joy. Spending time with family, whether cooking out on the grill or playing with his grandchildren it was important to him that memories were made.

Darius enjoyed life to the fullest and loved to tell jokes and stories that would have you laughing uncontrollably. Darius was well known in the community and he would go over and beyond to help anyone that was in need. Darius was extremely compassionate and well loved, he will never be forgotten.

Darius had ongoing health issues but never gave up or allowed it to get the best of him. However, God was ready for his angel to return home. On the morning of Tuesday, September 14, 2021, he lost his battle and departed this life as God called him home.

Darius leaves to cherish with many fine memories: Eight Children: Deshawn Legrand, Darius Dawkins Jr., Letrice Moore, Khaliah Workman, Ja’brea McCleave, Zy’mirah Hadden, Nakiyah Shivers, and Zephania Douglas. Eleven grandchildren; Three sisters, Nakia Canzater (Terrence), Tiona Dawkins, Patrice Corder (Derrick); Three Nephews; Joshua J. Canzater, Terrence D. Canzater 3rd, and Tyler Z. Dawkins, Two Nieces; Ashley Logan, and Brionna Corder. And a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Friends.



Order of Service

Prayer of ComfortPastor William Statham Jr.

Scripture Reading Lawrence Pressley Jr.
Old Testament - Psalms 23: 1-6

Solo Juanita Douglas

Reflections of Life, Cards and Acknowledgments Donna Stratton

Scripture Reading Cheryl Statham
New Testament - John 14:1-7

Family Tribute Darius Dawkins Jr.

Remarks (2 Minutes Please)

Solo Carol Winstead

Eulogy Pastor Lee Roper

Solo Trevor Chan

Closing Prayer..... Pastor Lee Roper

Final Viewing

Benediction and Recessional

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Rosemount Memorial Cemetery
1109 Neck Lane, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

*Due to Covid-19 Restrictions the Repast will
be for the family only*

Children's Tribute

Our dad was a father, a grandfather, friend, cousin, uncle, and brother.
He had a smile so contagious, you didn't even notice it brightened your day.

A guy of many hats and tricks in the city.
Music so loud that will have you saying that must be Mookie!

Clean cut, well dressed, jewelry, and classic shoes.
Smooth black Cadillac, water, and a mountain dew,
Flashy, always seen and heard,

A very social family man, and a great grandfather.
Active in everything, including going to the schools,
Will take us anywhere and buy us anything,
Creating great memories in the mix of it too.

Everything about him will be missed.
The jokes and laughs, hugs and kisses,
His cooking, phone calls, texts, and mini trips.
Now it's time to celebrate the good life he's lived,
as well as the strong fight that he put up.

There will never be another him!
He has officially made a mark and could never be forgotten.
The saddest part in the circle of life is waiting until we meet again.
We love you so much, and May you continue to Rest In Peace.
Love Your Children

Dad I miss you and I wish I could've spent more time with you. I want you to be at peace, I love you. If we have forgotten to show our gratitude enough for all the things you did, we're thanking you now. And we're hoping you knew all along, how much you meant to us.

Love Zy'mirah

Thank you for all the good times, lessons and love. You are one of a kind leaving a lasting impression and a spot that will never be filled. I'm just grateful to have had you in my life. You gave me so much strength and always made sure I was ok even if you were not, for that I am forever appreciative. Thank you again for loving me and my girls unconditionally. I'm not ok with saying goodbye to you, so until we meet again uncle. I love you!

Moesha (only to you)

"There are special people in our lives who never leave.... Even after they are gone", I love you dad!

Deshawn

Words can't even describe how I feel, I love you Pop.

Love Quiet Storm

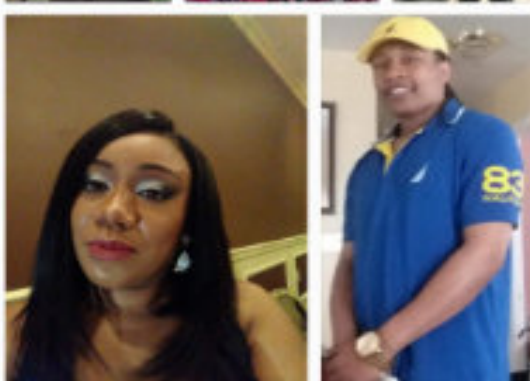
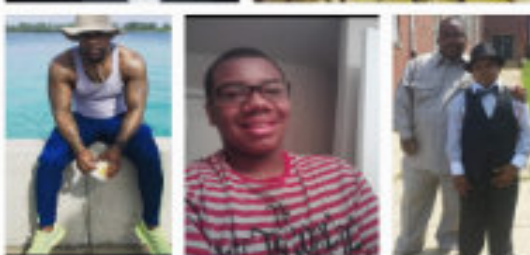
To my dad,
My four letter word, I love you forever. Thank you for the good memories and life we lived together. From me asking you to take the training wheels off my bike, to asking you to pick me up and take me to work. Forever you will be missed and in my heart.

Khaliah

Dad,
Grief is a hard and endless feeling. I met you when I was 16 years old and you loved me from day one. You took me in with love and never made me feel singled out. You were always so full of life, laughing and joking even on days you didn't feel your best. Those are the memories I will forever cherish. You are gone but thank you for the memories and laughs that you left behind. I will always hold you in my heart, always and forever I love you... This is not a good bye but simply until we meet again.

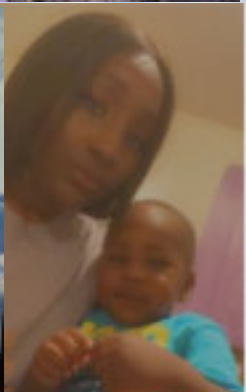
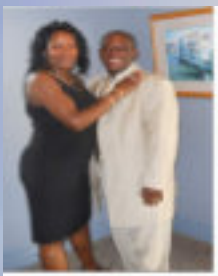
Love your Treonia

Hi Pop -Pop,
I miss you very much and I wish You came back to Life.
You make me happy, when I get hurt you make me feel good.
We always have fun, you like to help me, and you love me very much.
I love you from Bri



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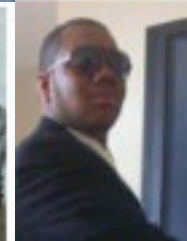
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To my Brother,

As I begin to write this I still can't believe that you are physically gone. You never gave up the fight or let it get the best of you. Please know that I am so proud of you for that, you encouraged me. Even when you were not feeling well, you still found time to check on me. You would always ask if I was okay because you knew that I wasn't feeling well myself. You cared more about me than yourself. You made sure I knew how much you loved me each time we spoke. It reminds me of when we were kids and even then, as a young boy, you took care of us. You always put your sisters first, our protector. This is a testament of your kind and genuine heart. You were this loud comical guy who enjoyed making others laugh, a story teller. You left an impression upon everyone who came in contact with you. So how do I continue to go through life without you here, I have a lot of mixed emotions. I understand that you were tired and needed to rest, so don't worry about us we're fine. Be blessed baby and enjoy heaven, tell mommy, daddy, and sister that I love and miss them. I am comforted by knowing the word of God! It tells me that the lord has prepared a place for us and he will receive us unto him. Therefore, I shall see you again. I will always love you and never forget you, rest well for you have earned it.

Love Always Nakia

DJ,

You were only supposed to be my brother, yet you took on the role of a father and best friend too. You never complained. You just made it happen, no matter what "it" was we needed and wanted. I'm grateful for your life time of sacrifices for us.

I love you so much my DJ. Thank you for the unconditional love, guidance, endless support, laughs, just all these memories. You've done so much in life. I understand it was time for you to rest. I know you're in great hands because I know who you're with. Enjoy the reunion big brother.

You're baby sis,
Tiona.

Dad I will never forget you, I will always cherish the memories I love you.

Letricee

Dad I will always love you!

Nakiyah

Unc

You will forever be in my heart I will never forget you. Thank you for the memories and fun times we shared.

Love Joshua

Uncle Mook I wasn't ready this hit me hard. You're not in pain anymore, and I'm happy for that alone. Please tell Aunt Keisha I said hi, I love you.

Lil Terrence

Thank you for always loving and caring for me. Words can never explain how grateful I am to have you as the father figure of my life. You played a major part in getting me to where I am in life right now. You taught me how to take care of the ones we love and cherish the most. I love and miss you.

Love Tyler

"Rest In Peace Mookie"

Patrice (Shon), Derrick and Brionna Corder

Mookie,

I'm still in disbelief that you're gone, but I know god has his reasons. Now I have one more angel watching over me. All of us miss you and love you, but rest now for you have endured the course.

Yolander

Brother

Today is full of memories of a brother laid to rest and every single one of them is filled with happiness. For you were someone special always such a joy to know and there was so much pain when it was time to go. That's why this special message is sent to take care of you and give you all my love.

Tyrone and Delores

"Mookie"

All I've ever heard about you was how you would take care of everyone. I'm so honored that I got to see for myself your true heart and love for family. Thank you for always treating me like your little sister. As it saddens me that your not here physically, you will live on forever in our hearts and in our thoughts.

Love always,
Carlyn

Mookie

We are here to celebrate your life and the measure of its worth. And every single life you touched while you were on this earth. We wish to pay our last respects. That's why we are here, to thank you for your friendship and all the memories we hold dear. It's been a privilege to have known you. We were family, not just friends, and we will carry you in spirit until we meet up once again.

Love Rocky

Tomorrow Without Me

If tomorrow starts without me,
I hope my love will live on
Hoping my loved ones know
Just how much they meant to me
That tears just may fall
And hearts might just hurt
Yet smiles will shine through
Remembering happy times
Reliving our moments
And those of pure joy
Reminiscing of laughter
Comfort felt in the memories
The sun may have dimmed
The world seems a little dark
The light from my memory
Should brighten your grief
Listen to my voice
I will always be here
My soul written on the blank pages
Of worn out, tattered journals
Find a calming peace within
Know that it was my time
Tomorrow started without me
But we still have yesterday.
Love Za

When God Called You Home

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So, he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "peace be thine. "It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Acknowledgements

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