

## Forever In Our Hearts



## God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We couldn't make you stay.  
Your golden heart stopped beating  
Your tired hands put to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best  
By Frances and Kathleen Coelho



## 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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## A Celebration of Life for Corey M. Bowen

July 10, 1972 - September 19, 2021



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 - 11:00 AM

**Congregational Baptist Church**  
399 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

Corey Maurice Bowen, “The Gentle Giant” as his wife Jennifer Bowen so lovingly refers to him as, surrounded by loved ones, was called to rest on Sept. 19th, 2021. God truly broke the mold after Corey was born to the late Johnny Bowen Sr. & Delores Bowen (Goode) on July 10th, 1972 in Newark, NJ. Being born in the 70’s and growing up in the 80’s in Newark, shaped Corey’s formative years and resulted in a lifetime display of strength, courage, love for family and a driving desire to push for more out of life.

Being the youngest out of his siblings, Corey was the “wild child” of the bunch. Whether it was pranking his older siblings or hearing one of his parents yelling his name because of something he was into, he brought an unmatched level of playfulness and love to the family.

That unmatched and unique characteristic carried over for Corey around the neighborhood as well, especially at 16 when a mutual friend, Alnisa Pickett, who they both love like a sister, introduced him to Jennifer Williams, who would later become the love of his life, his wife and the mother of his 3 children. The two met in 1988 and since then, they have been inseparable. The love they shared was an everlasting type of love. Whether it was out shopping, at the grocery store, traveling or just at home spending time with family, the two were always together. If you saw one, you saw the other and when they pulled up on you, it was guaranteed Corey would either have The Whispers, Blue Magic or The Isley Brothers bumping on the radio.

Corey was always motivated to not just sit around and talk about the things he wanted out of life. He got up, got out and made things happen. If you’ve ever had the opportunity to sit and talk with him, chances are, in some way, he motivated you to push for more out of life also. With the birth of their first daughter, Diore’, that motivation grew stronger.

In the midst of working hard and loving on his family, Corey & Jennifer welcomed their second daughter, Imani. 10yrs later, the day after Corey celebrated his own birthday, he celebrated the birth of his baby boy & best friend, Corey Jr. The father & son duo never missed a day of expressing their love for one another.

When his 1st daughter Diore’ gave birth to his grandchildren Cassius & Savannah, a new level of love & happiness was created. Corey loved his family so much and the birth of his children and grandchildren solidified his legacy will continue through all of them.

Along with his wife and children, Corey has touched so many lives, probably more than he even knew. His strength and courage through adversity showed us it’s possible to turn a bad situation into an opportunity for growth and change. His love for family and his passion to create a better future for them was the epitome of who he was. Corey held a special place in his heart for his Father in Love whom he affectionately called “Pop” Mr. Eugene Williams, Mother in Love, Mrs. Williams, Sister & Brother in love, Regina & Dave Edwards, beautiful Goddaughter Na’Jour Nance and his devoted friends, Lamont, Dexter & Najee. His loving spirit was felt by all who knew him, and that spirit will continue to live on.

Corey leaves to cherish his memory, his loving Wife, Jennifer Bowen; Daughters, Diore’ Ellis (Devin) & Imani Bowen; Son, Corey Bowen Jr.; Grandson, Cassius Ellis; Granddaughter, Savannah Ellis; Goddaughter Na’Jour Nance; Brothers; Colonel Bowen (Valerie), Johnny Bowen Jr., Damion Bowen, Wayne Bowen, Herbert Bowen, Drake Lacey, Sean King, Derek King; Sister in Love, Regina Edwards and a host of beloved Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, In Laws and Friends.

Corey was preceded in death by his Parents, Johnny & Delores Bowen, Sisters: Cecilia Bowen, Lillian Bowen and Brothers; Glen Bowen and Eric Bowen.



## *Order of Service*

### **Processional**

**Selection**  
Nancy Clark

### **Scripture Reading**

Shamita K. Singleton

### **Prayer of Comfort**

Reverend Kevin L. Williams

### **Selection**

Reverend Kevin L. Williams

### **Remarks**

(Two minutes each please)

### **Letters to Heaven**

Read by Regina Edwards

### **Obituary**

Read by Nikki Washington

### **Eulogy**

Reverend Kevin L. Williams

### **Recessional**

### **Repast**

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### *Interment*

Rosedale Cemetery  
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