

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Earl James Laycock, Jr.*

*October 25, 1957 - November 1, 2021*



**Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Bradley Haeberle & Barth Funeral Home**  
1100 Pine Avenue, Union, NJ 07083  
Pastor Patrick Council, Officiating

## Obituary

**Earl James Laycock Jr.** was born in Harlem, NY on October 25, 1957 to Earl Laycock Sr. and Mary R. Lewis. Earl was the eldest of two children. Earl began his primary education at P.S. 100 elementary school in the South Bronx. In 1967, his family moved to East Orange, NJ. where he attended Stockton elementary, Columbian middle, and Clifford J. Scott High School. Earl became interested in and excelled at both playing the trumpet in the band and playing pop warner football. He continued playing football throughout high school until graduation in 1976.

In 1978, Earl decided to enlist in the Army, which he actively served for 4 years and then spent the next 12 years as a Buck Sergeant – E5, Infantry Foot Soldier in the reserves for the National Guard. During that time, Earl played Semi-Pro football until receiving a foot injury. Fortunately, this injury did not prevent him from doing what he loved to do best – which was dance! At the height of 6’2, weighing in just shy of 300lbs, this large fella was an excellent dancer, incorporating styles such as the hustle, Chicago steppin’ and freestyle dancing. In 2008, Earl accepted a position with the Prudential Center, within the Devils arena, which he would unknowingly become the Devils super fan, “Dancing Earl”! Earl brought his infectious smile and laughter, over the top personality, and amazing moves as he danced his way into the hearts of fans and all who had the wonderful privilege of knowing him. Earl was also a devout Christian where he was beloved by his extended family of St. John's Baptist Church.

Earl Laycock Jr. was called home on November 1, 2021. Earl is preceded in death by his father, Earl Laycock Sr. and Mother, Mary R. Lewis. Earl is survived by his younger brother, Cedric Laycock, his Aunt Pauline Lewis, and by his god daughters and sons: Tia Morrison-Laycock, Asha Laycock, Cedonya Laycock, Cedric Laycock Jr., and Mesha Laguerre, as well as a host of cousins and close friends who are considered family.

# Order of Service

Processional .....	Clergy and Family
Scripture Reading.....	Pastor Council
Reading of the Obituary .....	Tia Morrison-Laycock
Prayer Conference.....	Pastor Council
Selection of Music .....	Mesha Laguerre
Reading of Poem (I Am Free) .....	Tia Morrison-Laycock
Reflections .....	Family and Friends
Selection of Music .....	Song Selection
Benediction.....	

## Interment

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
350 Providence Lane Rd.  
Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562



## *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*



## *Acknowledgement*


*The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.  
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.*

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