

Celebrating the Life of
Steven Robert Johnson
"Nate The Great"

Sunrise
March 3, 1959

Sunset
December 19, 2021



Wednesday, December 29, 2021 - 5PM

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Obituary

Steven Robert Johnson, affectionately known as Naquan “Nate the Great” to his family and friends, was the third and youngest child of the late Charles and Ethel Johnson. He was born on March 3rd, 1959 in Brooklyn, New York. On Sunday, December 19, 2021, Naquan went home to be with the Lord.

Naquan grew up in the east New York section of Brooklyn. This is where he attended Thomas Jefferson High School. Nate was very popular in the neighborhood. Him and his brother Everlasting was known as the good-looking brothers.

Naquan worked as a courier throughout New York City. He was also very good with his hands, he did contractor work, carpentry, painting and home improvements.

Naquan Nate the Great was the coolest person you could know. He was funny and had a sense of humor about him that would keep you laughing. He always had jokes and had no filter with what he said. He was always smiling, laughing and in good spirits.

Naquan was a good-hearted person that looked out and helped everyone. He was so thoughtful and caring, if you needed something he would do anything to help you. If you were hungry, he fed you. If you wanted to talk, he was always a phone call away. His cool personality and good vibes is what drew people to him, everywhere he went everyone knew and loved Nate.

Naquan loved his family especially his two daughters and two grandsons. He was a dedicated and devoted father and grandfather. He made sure they knew how much he loved them all the time. To know Naquan was to know how much he loved Shante and Shaquana.

Naquan looked out for all the kids and everyone around him. It was guaranteed jokes and laughs when he was around.

Naquan was an all-around good person. To know him was to love him. He enjoyed life every day; he was always in good spirits. He loved bike riding, cooking and walking. One of his famous walks was walking across the Brooklyn Bridge.

These are the memories we will cherish forever. Thank you for the unconditional love, laughter and being someone we can always count on. We love you Dad.

Naquan was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ethel Johnson, his brother, Charles “Everlasting” Johnson, and two sisters, Susan Boatwright and Renee Johnson.

He leaves behind to cherish the memories of his life: his two daughters, Shante Watson and Shaquana Johnson; two grandsons, Donald Muller and Carter Morgan; his common law wife, Celeste Harkless and her three children he helped raise, Tiffany Harkless, Kareem Harkless and Shaherah Harkless; three aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends that will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

for Our Beloved
Steven Naquan Nate the Great Johnson

Rev. Juwan Jones, Officiating
Tiffany Obi, Musician

Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Juwan Jones

Selection..... Shakiera Harkless

Scripture Readings.....Shante' Brown
Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6
New Testament - Romans 8:35-39

Reflections

Reading of Obituary..... Tiffany Harkless

Selection.....Shakiera Harkless

Eulogy.....Rev. Juwan Jones

Final Viewing

Benediction

INURNMENT:
Greenwood Crematory
Brooklyn, New York

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!

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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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