

*In Loving Memory
of*



Rudolph Roundtree Jr.

August 16, 1961 - April 29, 2022

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022

VIEWING 10:00 - 11:00 AM • FUNERAL 11:00 AM

Community Baptist Church

224 First Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Officiating

Obituary

Rudolph Valentino Roundtree Jr. "Rudy" was born on August 16, 1961 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Rudolph Roundtree Sr., the late Dolores Sykes and stepson of the late William Sykes and the late Beulah Easterling. Rudy was one of 8 siblings, 3 sisters and 4 brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents Rudolph Roundtree Sr., Delores Sykes, William Sykes, Beulah Easterling, and Father-in-law Horace Jones, his siblings Jeannie Roundtree, Angela Roundtree, Matthew Roundtree and Shawn Roundtree, and by his son Rumeal Roundtree.

Rudy grew up in Newark, New Jersey where he attended Morton Street Elementary School and later graduated from Irvington High School in 1980. Rudy was an avid sports fan and especially loved baseball and basketball. During his academic years, Rudy enjoyed participating in school sports. For many years, he played baseball, where he received recognition through awards, an accumulation of trophies and other accolades. Rudy had a love for spending time with his family and friends and was the best host during holidays and celebrations. He had a well-kept secret of being a talented cook and could be found in the kitchen during the holidays showing others how to season and sauté. Rudy's laugh was infectious and his sense of humor unmatched. He had a way about him that put people at ease.

Work ethic and responsibility were integral parts of Rudy's personality, and he was both hardworking and ambitious. He worked for Cablevision where he met and married the love of his life Sheila Evans-Roundtree. He later took on a career path with ExxonMobil Chemical Company where he worked for 20 years. When not working for ExxonMobil, Rudy would spend a great deal of his time volunteering. Rudy truly believed in community, and service to that community. His value of community could easily be seen in how he interacted with others and the time he dedicated to giving back to the neighborhood he called home. In 2013, Rudy explored his passion further through a volunteer coaching career. He worked at a number of schools including at Arts High School of Newark. He also coached, supported and participated in parent leadership with Sports U Team IZOD where Rudy took on many integral roles that helped make the program a national success. Many of the players touched by Rudy have matriculated as college, International and NBA players. Rudy was also noted as a parent leader at Roselle Catholic where he worked with many of the student athletes. His special relationship as a friend and guardian to Nazreon Reid and Peace Ilegomah was instrumental as a mentor and Naz and Peace often recognize the impact Rudy had and will always have on their lives. He later retired from ExxonMobil to focus on providing support and guidance to the youth he mentored, as they navigated their way through college, adulthood and professional basketball careers.

Rudy was a robust personality with a special way of connecting to others. He was always surrounded by a host of friends and anyone who knew him, knew of his generosity, sensitive nature, humility and selflessness. Rudy gave his life to Christ in 1979. His Christian values were evident in his love for God and the love he shared with others.

Rudy entered into Eternal Rest on April 29, 2022, he leaves to cherish his memory: Rudy is survived by his Wife, Sheila Roundtree-Evans, mother-in-law Barbara Evans, sons Almir Madison, Jamil Rivers and daughter-in-law Ashley, Nazreon Reid, and Peace Ilegomah and daughter-in-law Mikayla, granddaughters Ava, and Aylah, his sister Veronica Drakeford, his brothers Lamont Easterling, James Roundtree, brother-in-law William Evans, and host of nieces and nephews, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional of Clergy and Family

Invocation

Opening Hymn of Comfort/Solo

Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament Scripture - Psalms 23

New Testament Scripture - First Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection/Solo

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections from Friends, Family, Clergy

**The Reading of the Obituary
(silent reading optional)**

Musical Selection/Solo

The Message of Hope

The Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!*

*I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one, And
I knew that He would call me When
He felt my work was done. I know
that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me, I
knew that I could not stay. Yes, I'm
sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*



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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