



# *Farewell To The Chef*

You prepared many meals and served others well, God has called you home with him so I know you are not alone. Now it's your time to rest, "Farewell Dear Heart- Chef Ken" you have truly done your best. You will never be forgotten and I will always hold you near to my heart.



## 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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# *Celebration of Life for Kenneth Black Sr. "Chef Ken"*



**August 27, 1962 – June 16, 2022**

THE LORD IS MY  
STRENGTH AND MY  
SHIELD; MY HEART  
TRUSTED IN HIM, AND I  
AM HELPED:  
THEREFORE MY HEART  
GREATLY REJOICETH;  
AND WITH MY SONG  
WILL I PRAISE HIM.



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THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 - 7:00 PM

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# OBITUARY

On June 16, 2022 Kenneth Black Sr. was called from his earthly home to eternal rest. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents Thomas E. Black and Vivian Brown-Black, also his grandmother Mary E. Black.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Kenneth Black affectionately know as “Kenny” attended John F. Kennedy High School and knew from his early years he wanted to become a chef. Kenny received his associates degree from New York Arts Institute in 1993. He took on several jobs working in restaurants throughout New Jersey. He gained employment with Schering Plough and while there an opportunity arose to take on the Executive Chefs position with Orange school district. During this time Kenny demonstrated and experimented with his culinary expertise. Over the next thirteen years his chef experience included positions at the Marriott, Steak & Ale and the opening of several Friendly’s restaurants. His most exciting position was with East Orange General Hospital as Executive Chef / Production Manager. Kenny’s last position held was with Spring Grove Rehabilitation and Health Center as Director of Food and Nutrition Services. Kenny maintained his Service-Safe Managers Certification, he held Cooking Classes and was the proud publisher of a Multi-Cultural Cook Book “Labor of Love.

”Kenny was a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the City of Orange, N.J.

In 2015 Kenny married Regina Best-Black at a beautiful outdoor wedding, yellow and white were the colors. Together they travelled, hosted family gatherings in the back yard, walked in the park and enjoyed the nice breeze at the beach.

To know Kenny is to love him. He was impeccable with his clothing, well dressed from head to toe. He took pride in his presentation even while catering events, he was adored in full Chef Attire. He liked sitting quietly in his yard, exercising in the park, and listening to good music. His hobbies were collecting watches and the latest gadgets.

Kenny displays were delightful, his food was delicious, and his customer service skills were exceptional. His desire was to leave his residents, family and friends with an unforgettable dining experience.

Kenny leaves behind to cherish his loving memories: his loving wife Regina Best-Black, his only son Kenneth Black II (Yasmine), grandchildren Khamari, Khristian, and Kameron, step-daughter Christina Lee, brothers Derrick and Troy Black, sisters Denise Black and April Hunt, beloved aunts Frances Turner, Ruth Little and Dorothy Miller. Sisters-in-law Anita Best, Sharia Dee (Frank) Hyatte, Lisa Best- Perry, Yasmin Ann Best, brother-in-laws Roderic (Chyrisse) Best, Rossi Allan (Felicia) Best, Michael Leggett, Rosie Best III and Steven Bernard Murphy, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Music Prelude.....Co-Pastor Alan R. Cherry

Officiate of Service.....Minister Laticia Alston

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Thelma Chambers

Old Testament

New Testament

Acknowledgement  
of Cards / Obituary.....Pastor Tanisha Day

Reflections.....2 minutes Family / Friends

Eulogy.....Pastor Doris Cherry  
Miracle Temple Pentecostal Church  
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Benediction

Final Viewing

*Cremation*  
Rosedale Crematory  
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