



Because you loved me I overcome, yeah
 And I'm so proud of what you've become, yeah
 You've given me such security
 No matter what mistakes I make you're there for me
 You cure my disappointments and you heal my pain
 You understood my biz and you protected me
 I treasure every irreplaceable memory and that's why I want

My unborn son
 To be like my daddy
 I want my husband to be like my daddy
 There is no one else like my daddy
 And I thank you (thank you)
 For lovin' me (daddy, daddy, daddy, daddy)
 (Daddy, daddy, daddy, daddy) me (lovin' me)
 (Daddy, daddy, daddy, daddy) (lovin' me)
 (Daddy, daddy, daddy, daddy)

Words can't express my boundless gratitude for you
 I appreciate what you do, oh whoa
 You've given me such security
 No matter what mistakes I know you're there for me
 You cure my disappointments and you'll heal my pain
 You understood by biz and you protected me
 I treasure every extraordinary memory, that's why

My unborn son
 To be like my daddy
 I want my husband to be like my daddy
 There is no one else like my daddy
 And I thank you (thank you) for loving me
 Even if my man broke my heart today
 No matter how much pain I'm in I would be okay, oh
 'Cause I got a man in my life that can't be replaced
 Father's love is unconditional, it won't go away
 And I know I'm lucky (lucky)
 Know it ain't easy (it ain't easy)
 Men who take care of their responsibilities
 Love is overwhelming
 All that you did pay for me, ah
 Can't stop my tears from falling
 I love you so much, daddy
 Thank you (my unborn son to be like my daddy)
 You've done so much for me (want my husband to be like my daddy)
 I love you, daddy
 I get so emotional, daddy (there is no one else like my daddy)
 Every time I think of you
 I get so emotional, daddy (and I thank you)
 Every time I think of you
 There is no one else like my daddy
 No one else will replace my daddy (there is no one else like my daddy)
 Daddy, daddy, daddy, daddy

WITH WARMEST THANKS

*The family of **Brian Keith "Malik" Barker** would like to express words of gratitude to you, our friends and loved ones for all of your deeds of kindness and love rendered to us during the time of our bereavement.*

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Brian Keith "Malik"
BARBER

JULY 30, 1958 - JUNE 25, 2022

OBITUARY

Brian Keith Barker affectionately known as Malik

Malik was born on July 30, 1958, in Jersey City to the late Sadie Laval and William Barker. Malik received his education in the Jersey City Public School system and graduated from Henry Snyder High School. He was a diehard Tiger fan and supporter. Malik attended every basketball, track and field and football game and celebrated every athlete oftentimes reminiscing about his high school basketball playing career where he was given the nickname “Magic”.

Malik was called home on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the age of 63.

Malik was loving, caring, and outgoing, the epitome of Love personified. His beautiful smile and energetic personality left no room for doubt that if Malik loved you, you knew it as well as the rest of the world. Malik was present to celebrate your every birth, party, graduation, and anything that was important to you no matter how big or small. Most of all, Malik loved spending quality time with his family. He adored his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was proud of his namesake Malik and Detective Letia. He will be remembered for his generosity, humility, and magical spirit, a leader, mentor and friend to all.

Before his disability Malik was employed at the Daily News in Jersey City. Regardless of any adversities in his life, Malik used them to “make lemonade”. He would read the Jersey Journal and Daily News

faithfully and used the information to show up and support others in the Jersey City Community that he LOVED. Malik can be likened to the Mayor of Jersey City.

He took great pride in the city and often was there for community service and outreach. If you had a need and he could help, Malik was there. There are so many of us who have dear and fond memories of Malik and what he was passionate about was the Community. He was loved and respected by his peers, and renowned for his loving heart, his boyish cheerfulness, and his inclusive nature. Malik simply loved everyone, and everyone loved him back.

Malik was preceded in death by his parents Sadie Laval and William Barker, brothers Kevin and Ronald Laval.

Malik leaves to cherish his memory, Brothers Gregory T. Laval Sr., Darell Laval Sr. and Alan Harris, Sister Cathe Harris; sons Brian Malik Bowers, Robert “Jamal” Johnson and Bernard “BD” Shivers; daughters Letia Q. Nalls, Sharnese Johnson, Kiana and Keisha Stapleton, Rhonda and Renicia Benjamin; daughter in law, Kimberly Johnson; nephews Darell Laval Jr., Darnell Laval, Monty Marshall, Tyrone Laval and Hakeem Waiters; nieces Hanifa Chandler, Tyesha “Monique” Laval; goddaughters Ebony and Malika; grandchildren, Precious, Makiyah and Alik Bowers, Khyla J. and Al’Shamir Nalls, Ro Rhodes, Mekhi Reeves, De’jour, Dailen, Dior and Dash Johnson, Darius, Myla and Royal Jones and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

He will be missed by all that knew him.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022 - 8:00AM
St. John Baptist Church
525 Bramhall Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey
Pastor Keith Garvin, Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Musical Prelude.....Tyrik Washington
- Processional.....Clergy & Family
- Hymn of Consolation..... “Better Days”..... Jade Butler
- Scripture Reading.....Pastor Keith Garvin
Old Testament
New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort.....Keith Garvin
- Poem.....Keisha Stapleton
- Musical Selection.....“I Thank You For It All - Silent Praise
- Acknowledgement.....Iretha Nalls
- The Obituary.....Iretha Nalls
- Remarks.....Rhonda Benjamin
Family and Friends
- Musical Selection“Heaven Was Needing A Hero..Jade Butler
- Eulogy..... Pastor Keith Garvin
- Final Viewing
- Benediction/Recessional.....Pastor Keith Garvin

INTERMENT
Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey