

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# DAVID JOSEPH RAYMOND



Sunrise:  
April 8, 1960

Sunset:  
December 16, 2022

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 - 12:00 NOON**

**Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses**

71 Renner Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

# Obituary

David Joseph Raymond Sr. was born on Friday, April 8, 1960 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. He was the fifth of eight siblings, born to Winifred Agnes Raymond and Joseph Gordon Raymond. He is preceded in death by his parents, two siblings: Jamel and Grantlan Raymond, and his son David Joseph Raymond Jr.

He leaves behind five siblings: Rhonda, Lindon, Paul, Joanne, & Virginia. Seven children; Aprill Raymond, Cherise Raymond, Jacklyn Hill, Evella Hill, Daphany Raymond, Courtney Raymond, and Joseph Raymond and a host of cousins and friends. He spent most of his adulthood married to his long-time sweetheart, Sylvia Raymond. His best friends growing up were Kevin Fouskey and also deceased, Rodney Lewis.

## EDUCATION

In his childhood years, David attended Eastern Christian Catholic School (EC School) in Curepe, Trinidad West Indies from 1965 until 1969. He also attended Richmond Boy's School of Port of Spain, Trinidad for a few months before moving to the States.

After moving to the United States, on May 1, 1969, he then attended Public school 262 (PS 262) on Macon Street, in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn New York from 1969 through 1971. Consecutively he attended public school number two (PS #2) in Paterson, New Jersey from 1971 through 1975.

After which he attended high school from 1975 through 1979, at Passaic County Technical and Vocational High School in Wayne, New Jersey. He joined the US Navy in 1989, serving in the Gulf War and eventually being discharged in 1992. He graduated with honors with an electrical degree from DeVry University in 1998. He worked a variety of jobs in the electrical field as well as culinary arts.

He married Sylvia Turner in 1981 and had six children, two of which he adopted as his own. Later, he had Joseph Raymond with Lynette Scruge in 1997.

After finishing his term in the Navy, David lived in Florida for ten years, eventually coming back to New Jersey where he resided until his passing.

Throughout his life, David was a Jehovah's Witness and strongly believed in the hope of the resurrection. He always told his daughter Aprill, if anything ever happens to me, don't cry as I will be resurrected in the new system. Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life; (John 11:25) David was a master chess player, a self-taught chef. He was talented man all around. He loved to dance. You could catch him grooving at almost every family event. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed until the resurrection hope!!

FOND Memories from Siblings and Children: Aprill, his eldest daughter, will always hold on to the memories of David cooking for her and his grandchildren. Cherise will never forget how proud David was of his children and his family and how hard he loved them. Sylvia recalls David would tell her his children were his greatest accomplishment. Courtney remembers her Dad as the life of the party and the ultimate dance machine. Daphany shared her love of Jehovah with her dad and looks forward to seeing him in the New System. Evella always loved how David treated her as his own and never made her feel any different. Jacklyn will always miss Dad's sense of humor and making her laugh. Joseph feels David was his world and cannot wait to see him in Paradise. Rhonda, the eldest of the six siblings, remembers being a second mother to David for as long as she can remember. Lindon, his older brother, says that David was always VERY intelligent. Paul remembers David as NOT having an evil bone in his entire body though he was crazy in his own way; he was a scientist and used logic sometimes to his own detriment lol. Joanne says no matter what the conversation entailed David always ended up on Jehovah. Virginia remembers David always dressing to the T. He always had a feather in his cap. Even when he was working at a fast-food restaurant, as a youngster, he was always sharp. His grandchildren loved him dearly and will remember all the fun times David shared with them dancing, singing, and cooking for them. They all loved how Daddy would dress to The T in his suits. Until we meet again, in the new system, we love you David Joseph Raymond.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## Cremation

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

## Repast

60 Broad Street

Newark, NJ 07104

1:00pm-5:30pm

## JOHN 5:28,29

28 Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, and those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment.

## REVELATIONS 21:3,4

With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his people. And God himself will be with them. 4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

## 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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