

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**RALPH DRAKE**

SUNRISE:  
DECEMBER 11, 1967

SUNSET:  
MAY 13, 2023



TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 - 11:00 AM  
**Philemon Baptist Church**  
246 Shephard Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

# OBITUARY

Ralph Drake (Kareem) 55 of Roselle NJ, passed away on May 13, 2023.

Ralph was born on December 11, 1967 to Dariel Drake in Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, NJ. After Ralph graduated from East Orange High School in 1985, he went on to study computer science at Devry University where he was on the Dean list. He also served in the U.S. Navy for a couple of months where he received an honorable discharge. Ralph also work for Pepsi as a foreman for several years. He had been currently working at Amazon in Carteret, NJ.

He is survived by his children Aniyah Taylor, Taji Taylor, Qiana Taylor, his five grandchildren Zhyannah, Faith, Bless, Kaniyyah and Samad Taylor and one great granddaughter Zahra Taylor. He also was excited about his sixth grandchild who is on the way. His mother Dariel Dilworth; two sisters Karen Murphy (Shapfren) and Janine Drake; his two brothers Jemmie and Marlin Sewell; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. His hobbies included spending time with his family, watching sports all NY teams and listening to music.

# 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

# PSALM 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## 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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