

*Celebration of Life*  
*Kenneth Michael Best*



**Sunrise**  
**December 26, 1960**

**Sunset**  
**January 26, 2024**

**Service**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
**11:00 AM**

**Porter Memorial COGIC**  
**677 Ocean Avenue**  
**Jersey City, New Jersey 07304**

# Obituary

**Kenneth Michael Best** was born on December 26, 1960 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was raised by his late parents Lorenzo and Mary Jane Best. They loved to travel during the summers, and Lorenzo would take Kenny out on long drives. Kenny attended PS #30 Elementary School in Jersey City, NJ and graduated from St. Benedict's Prep High School in Newark, NJ. He attended two years of college and had an interest in aeronautics. He then worked at the Post Office as a Safety Captain for about a decade.

In 1985, Kenny married Rochelle Best. They purchased a house in East Orange, NJ and had two children from this union: Jamilia and Jelani Best. Throughout his life, Kenny was known as a conversationalist. He loved to laugh and enjoyed striking up conversation and meeting new people. He had a revolutionary mindset and wanted to create an investment program so that black people could generate wealth and improve the community.

His journey through life was marked by deep compassion, selflessness, and an enduring commitment to family and social issues. In March 1993 at the age of 33, Kenny was involved in a severe car accident which led to an undiagnosed traumatic brain injury. This would change the trajectory of his life because it impacted his ability to fulfill his dreams, but it never stopped his positive light from shining through.

Kenny did the best that he could to support his family. After his marriage ended, he moved back to Jersey City with his mother, Mary Jane. They had a very special bond and were the best of friends. He met Michele Moreland in 1996, and through that relationship he had Lorenzo “LJ” Best and helped raise Jazmeeka Moreland as his own daughter. Kenny loved his children and took immense pride in their accomplishments, joys, and milestones. His passions included writing poetry, listening to music, taking long drives, and engaging in interesting conversations.

Kenny was raised with a deep sense of compassion and empathy, which manifested in his desire to make the world a better place for all. He touched the lives of many people through his acts of kindness and generosity. Kenny was a passionate and devoted son, father, and grandfather who faced life's challenges with a smile, resilience, and unwavering positivity. Kenny will continue to live on through his children: Jamilia Best, Jelani Best, Jazmeeka Moreland, Lorenzo “LJ” Best and daughter-in-law Stefanie Best. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Layla Smith, Jasiah Best and Olivia Best. He was a caring man that was loved and will be missed by a host of relatives including aunts: Ruth Carol Gaines, Ardrena Jenkins, Mary G Jackson, Ophelia Jackson, as well as a host of cousins, and close friends.

*In his words: “Stay happy, stay healthy, stay safe, stay strong, stay wise.”*

# Order of Service

Presiding ..... Elder Timothy Porter, Jr.  
Professional ..... Clergy/Family  
Music Selection ..... Ethel Pope  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder Prophet Nihera Mercy  
Scripture Reading  
(Old Testament /New Testament) ..... Elder Prophet Nihera Mercy  
Song Selection ..... Ethel Pope  
Expressions/Reflections ..... (2 mins)  
Acknowledgements  
& Resolutions ..... District Missionary Amanda Porter  
Obituary Reading ..... Raslona Jackson  
Song Selection ..... Fabian Jackson  
Eulogy ..... Elder Timothy Porter, Sr.  
Song Selection ..... Elder Tequan Adams  
Benediction

**Final Repose**  
Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey

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# *The Path*

We walk this path for the time that we live.  
Along the way we will receive as well as we give.

It is a shared journey with those we know  
and those we don't know.

Family and friends share with us too, as we live and grow.

At times, we are focused and our path is straight.

At times, the path has twists  
and turns with an occasional open or closed gate.

We strive and struggle to continue our path, despite the difficulty.

Until the time we reach our aim and glory.

If we can keep the negative to the utmost minimum  
in our quest for happiness and success;

Greater is the reward when we haven't disrespected  
or destroyed each other in the process.

If we treat each other decently, it's a good day.

When we treat each other decently or better,  
we arrive at that better day.

Do consider the achievements of those who struggle from day-to-day.

Show appreciation to those who give back to life  
and living along the way.

Let's pay homage to those who accomplished their deeds significantly.

We must recognize and honor the small acts that are positive  
and performed daily.

When all is said and done, our race is finally won.

The human race and God will say, "well done".

- Ken Best 2010

## *Acknowledgements*

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for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers  
shown during our time of bereavement.*

