

In Loving Memory of
Virgil Reid Matthews

Sunrise
December 11, 1962

Sunset
July 12, 2010



Monday, July 19, 2010 - 5:00 p.m.

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Reverend Dwain Edward Matthews
Officiating

Obituary



Virgil Reid Matthews, (Lurch), a nickname given to him, by his brother Roderick, was born December 11, 1962 in Brooklyn, New York and lived there until the age of eight. Virgil was called home to eternal rest, Monday, July 12, 2010.

When the family moved to Teaneck, NJ, he attended Hawthorn Elementary School and Teaneck High School, later he enlisted in the Army. While in the Army, he received The Expert, M-16 Rifle Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon. Upon completing his term in the Military, he began to work for the New York and New Jersey Port Authority, in the maintenance department, and later worked as a cook at Aafes, on Fort Dix Military Base, New Jersey.

Virgil loved cooking, playing the Trumpet, and taking drumming lessons under the direction of B.B. King's son in doing these things he found comfort.

Virgil was deeply in love with his wife and children. He had an amazing relationship with his nieces and nephews, especially D.J. and his name sake Little Virgil (Virg). If he could he would do anything to help his family, friends, and even strangers, that's the kind of person he was. When his niece, Debbie came home from college, he would pick her up and take her back to the airport. Mr. and Mrs. Venable, said, "He was a blessing to him and his wife, due to his illness he had to go back and forth to the doctors, Virgil would be right there to drive and wait until I was finished, he was a good man." One thing that was very noticeable was his beautiful smile, and when he smiled his eyes twinkled. He was very inquisitive, always wanting to know Who, What Why, Where and How. Being the youngest boy, he was spoiled by his siblings.

Virgil was predeceased by his father, Cliftson Matthews, (2001).

Virgil is survived by: his mother, Phyllis Matthews; his wife, Patricia, (at the time of his death, they had been separated for several years); his son, Devon; daughters, Teiarrah Monique and Kyiarrah Ann-Michelle; siblings and their wives, Rozellia, Clifton, Dwain (Troy Lynn), Roderick (Yvonne), Phillip, and Cassandra; nieces, Keieownna, (husband Virgil Hightower), Tonika, Chandeara, Debbie, and Alexis; nephews, Dwain, Dwight (D.J.) Virgil, Barry, Deamond, Little Roderick, Lavar, Trevor, and Cedric; great-grand nieces and nephews, Kyherra, Demar, Decarier, Landon, and Deire; his only uncle, Harold Franklin; and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Words of Grace Reverend Rozellia P. Matthews,
Senior Pastor, Salem UMC • Pleasantville, NJ

Greeting

Hymn *“It Is Well With My Soul”*

Prayer of Comfort:

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament - Isaiah: 43:1-3

New Testament - Revelations 21:1-5

Poem *“You Are Not Alone”*
written by Keieownna Hightower, for her Uncle Virgil

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Hymn *“Precious Lord Take My Hand”*

Eulogy Reverend Dwain Edward Matthews
Senior Pastor of New Testament Gospel Church • Rex, Georgia

Call to Christian Discipleship

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York



**Poem: Virgil wants to remind
his family and friends**

Do not stand at my
grave and weep;
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond
glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

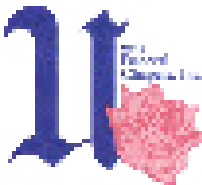
I am not there, I did not die.

~ *Mary Frye*



Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*



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