

Sunrise February 8, 1961

> Sunset May 1, 2011

Dean Bent

Friday, May 13, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Camilla Fairweather, Officiaiting

<u>Obituary</u>

**Dean Michael Bent** was born on February 8, 1961 in Belize City, Belize to proud parents, Yvonne Deltrude Bent and Hugh Emmanual Flowers.

When he was born, all family members waited on the veranda anxiously awaiting to know the sex of the baby. Everyone shouted "It's a boy."

Dean attended St. Ignatius Catholic School in Belize then migrated to the United States with their late grandmother, Rhoda Mejia, his brothers, Emory, Gregory and the late Sherman and cousins, Suzanne, Eugene and Christopher, in 1971. They resided in San Francisco with his late grandmother, Ms. Jane Breakmon, later continuing his education at P.S. 31, Musilim School in Harlem, NY on 116th Street and graduated from Rice High School.

Dean M. Bent was very athletic. He played basketball, tennis and boxed. As a basketball player, he acquired the name "Cornbread." In the peak of his career of boxing he trained with the famous boxers, David Moore and Iran Barkley. He also fought in The New York Golden Gloves against Ridick Bowe. Later he became a boxing trainer in Harlem.

His first son, Dean was born from Lavern Gentle.

Dean, with wife, Sharon, gave him two grandchildren, a granddaughter, Milan Vittoria, born the same day of her grandfather and grandson, Christian Dean.

His second son, Britton Dean was born from Sharon Gladden, with whom he departed.

Dean became a personal trainer to his son, Britton Bent in the field of tennis. Acquiring him a scholarship for tennis to Alabama State University.

Dean resided in Hilton Head South Carolina, living with son, Britton Dean and common law wife, Sharon Gladden. He leaves behind to mourn him: his children and grandchildren; his mother, Yvonne; father, Hugh; sister, Denise; brothers, Gregory and Emory; his cousins; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles whom he greatly admired and looked up to. Especially his uncle, Rudolf Bent who was a boxing champion of Jamaica.

His last and final accomplishment was the promotion and distribution of Kegan Water, which will continue to be carried out by his family.

Dean was very proud, shy and over protective of his family. His mother was his everything.

May his soul rest in peace.

<u>Order of Service</u>

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## <u>Interment</u>

Saturday, May 14, 2011 Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now. He set me free!

-author unknown

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The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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