

*In Loving
Memory
of*



*Kevin
LaMarr
Reuben*

Sunrise
May 29, 1974

Sunset
June 27, 2011

Saturday, July 2, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

GOOD NEIGHBOR BAPTIST CHURCH

100 Chancellor Ave. • Newark, NJ

Rev. Dr. George A. Blackwell, III - Officiating

Obituary

Kevin LaMarr Reuben was a man whose presence was larger than life. His sun rose on May 29, 1974 at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, to Melvin and Patricia Reuben. At the age of three, it was obvious how special Kevin was after overcoming his fight with neuroblastoma (cancer) and living well beyond his life expectancy. It was evident God was not finished with him yet.

A very intelligent young man, Kevin attended St. Benedict's Preparatory School. He excelled in both the academic and athletic arenas. While attending high school, Kevin was a member of the undefeated Championship fencing team. Upon graduating from St. Benedict's in 1992, he went on to Michigan State University and continued his love for fencing at the collegiate level motivating the team to a NCAA appearance. While at MSU, Kevin became a shining example of Spartan Pride & Spirit. It is there that he met Danielle McMutry, who he married September 28, 2001. There was never a dull moment with "Lil Kev" around because he was either extending a helping hand, having a philosophical moment, or preparing for the next great cookout.

Kevin's radiant smile could illuminate any room he was in. He was the life of the party and his presence captivated everyone's attention. He was known as a thrill seeker and enjoyed a challenge or anything daring. Kevin was an avid reader who had an undeniable thirst for knowledge. He was a remarkable poet who planned on publishing his book of poetry later this year. An amazing cook, he was also a compassionate young man who saw beyond the physical and straight into the soul of people. Kevin will be remembered as a loving, faithful, loyal brother, friend, soul mate and beloved son. Kevin was loved by all he came into contact with because he never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Raydell Scroggins III.

Left to cherish his memory are: his loving parents, Patricia and Melvin Reuben; step-dad, Raydell Scroggins, Jr.; brother, Omar Scroggins; sons, Miles and Jordan; grandmother, Annie Lee; aunts, Betty, Claudia, Doris and Sally; uncles, Reg and Claude, Sr.; nephews, Tajj and Issachar. He will also be missed by his beloved friend, Ebony Green; godparents, Monnie and Bernard; aunt, Dottie; adopted sister, Kenya; lifelong love & friend, Marissa Milton Key; those who were at his side, Ashley, Adrienne, Donald (DJ), Reggie, Fred, Sean and Claude Jr.; his dearest friends, Matt, Brian and Demond; his Benedict's brothers; his entire Michigan State University family; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection

Choir

Acknowledgements

Good Neighbor Clerk

Obituary

Brian D. Phillips

Reflections

Musical Selection

Rev. F. Smith

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. George A. Blackwell, III

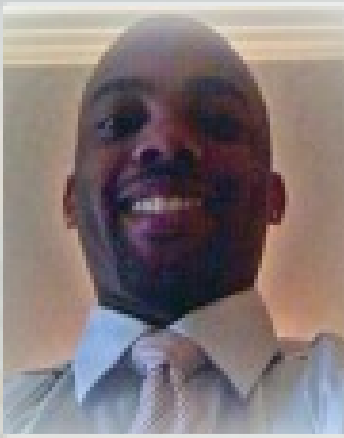
Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Following the interment family and friends are invited to return to the church for the repast.



Death of the Heart . . .

I have dealt with all types of emotions,
(Joy, Pain, Hope, Fear, etc.)

My journey started early in life,
As I have grown I wondered what life would be,
hoped what life would be, wished what life would be,
it is not...

I've struggled to deal with all these emotions
and at the same time tried to understand them,
BUT NO LONGER CAN I

So I write this letter, To all those whom can hear...

This is my very last, cause no longer do I fear...

THIS IS THE END!!!!

Encaged, Enraged, No longer am I,
I've seen the end in sight and it's very clear...
So as these days continue to move along,
please remember me with a parting song...

I have given you all my spirit, my life all that I have...

Now filled with sadness, the end of my life is all that I have...

So please take this offering, My life is over, I am so complete...

THIS IS MY DEATH NOTE, I PLACE UPON YOUR FEET...

The myths, the dreams, the falsehoods you portray,
Are dead to me just as my life is on this day...

Thanks for the feelings, good and bad,
Thanks for the happy days even the ones that were sad...
This is the last you will hear from me and know that this is true...

SIGNED FROM HEART...

TO LOVE...

NO LONGER DO I BELIEVE IN YOU...

~ *Written By Kevin L. Reuben* ~

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Kevin L. Reuben** would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many prayers and acts of kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement. We would especially like to thank Ms. Jessica Gray, Ms. Safiya Grimsley, staff of Men's Warehouse and the Good Neighbor family. May God abundantly bless each of you.*

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