

A photograph of a man, Melvin Ross, wearing a white Dallas Cowboys jersey with blue accents and a large blue star on the left chest. He is looking down at a silver football helmet with a blue star on the side. The background is a blue gradient with a faint pattern of stars and stripes.

In Loving  
Memory  
of

# Melvin Ross

**Sunrise**

August 31, 1964

**Sunset**

July 27, 2011

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**WILLIAMS CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

133 Myrtle Avenue • Passaic, New Jersey 07055

*Rev. William E. Lawson, Officiating*

**COWBOYS**

## *Reflections of Life*



**Mr. Melvin Ross "Red"** was born on August 31, 1964 in Passaic, NJ. On Wednesday, July 27, 2011 he was peacefully transitioned from this earthly life to his eternal home with the Lord.

Melvin attended the Passaic School system and went on to attend Delaware State College. While attending school in Passaic, he became an outstanding Football player which led Passaic to many winning games and three State Championships - 1980, 1981 and 1982. While at Delaware State he also played his game until injured. Mel always went the extra mile whether in sports or life, always ready to aid and assist those that asked or needed.

Melvin had accepted Christ and is a member of the William Chapel AME Zion Church of Passaic.

He was predeceased by his wife, Sharonda (Brown) Ross; his grandmother, Minnie McNair Strickland and grandfathers, Norman Strickland and James W. Ross.

Melvin leaves to cherish his many memories: his mother, Annie Ross; his father, Allen Ross; devoted father figure, Ben. Also to cherish memories are: his son, Tyshaun; two daughters, Bre'Anna and Shondayah; four brothers, Marvin, Troy, Henry (Dianna) and Tryeid; one sister, Reesa; his grandmother, Margaret; one nephew, Wakeem; three nieces, Tiffany, Tecianna and Wakeena; devoted friends, Boonie and Stephanie Weeks and James Knowlin; special uncles and aunts, George (Ella) Strickland of Passaic, NJ, Karen (Rocky) Wallace of Georgia, Phyliss Thompson of North Carolina; and a host of cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Music Prelude ..... Lawrence Mitchell

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Invocation ..... Pastor William E. Lawson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Clergy

New Testament ..... Clergy

Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor William E. Lawson

Selection

Acknowledgements ..... Robert Nelson

Poem ..... Wakeena Ross

Reflections of Life ..... Robert Nelson

Solo ..... "God's Children" - Choir

Sermon ..... Pastor William E. Lawson

Williams Chapel AME Zion Church

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

## **Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, New Jersey

# Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed;*

*I am at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?*

*Oh! But Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet  
me in that way so hard to tread;*

*And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
for I love you dearly still:*

*Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,*

*So you must not idly stand;*

*Do it now, while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home:*

*Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!*

*...Your Family*



## Acknowledgements

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