



*In Loving Memory*

*Basil Lamont Walker*

**Sunrise**  
September 5, 1983

**Sunset**  
August 30, 2011

## *Obituary*

**Basil Lamont Walker** was born on September 5, 1983 to two young parents, Rhonda Walker and Michael Taylor at University Hospital in Newark, NJ. He was the oldest of three children that the couple had together.

He spent a great time of his childhood and early teen years in the care of his mother's uncle, Jesse Brown along with his wife, Thelia Brown whom he lovingly referred to as "Pop" and "Nana." Jesse and Thelia brought Basil up in Union, New Jersey where he attended elementary school, middle school and briefly attended Union High School. It was here where he discovered his love for football. Shortly after starting high school, Jesse "Pop" Brown, Basil's uncle and father figure suffered an unfortunate death. Basil then relocated to Newark, NJ to be with his mother. He continued his education at Weequahic High School where he also played football.

In his early years of life, Basil Walker attended Good Shepard Baptist Church. Basil is remembered most by his friends and family for his unique laugh and sideways smile. He had a huge heart and didn't mind giving to others if he had it to give. His love for children was inspiring. Although he never had any of his own, it wasn't rare to see him with any of his three godchildren, Diane Jennings, Zahira Branch or Dequan Soloman.

Basil was predeceased by his uncle, "Pop" Jesse Brown, his maternal grandparents, Polly and Louis Jones, as well as his cousin, Cassandra Knight.

He is survived by his maternal great Grandmother, Lula Bell Hart; his paternal grandparents, Marilyn and Mancy Witherspoon; his mother, Rhonda Walker and father, Michael Taylor; his aunt, "Nana" Thelia Brown; his siblings, Jeffrey Walker, Lashikeerah Walker, Raheem Walker, Taliyah Walker, Ta'Sean Ellis and Mikaje Taylor, also his siblings Wanda Knight, Durell Knight, Norman Knight and Paula Taylor; his nieces, Zaniyah Walker, Yaa'Naeja Walker and Emani Clayton; six aunts, Greer Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Felicia Caldwell, Dawn Glover, Cassandra Jones and Kisha Witherspoon; two uncles, Michael Walker and Wendell Taylor; and a host of other aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by his godsisters, Quamorah Bronson and Tyherra Williams; godbrother, Al-Quodir Holland; and special friend, Candice Wolfe and their unborn child.

# *Order of Service*

*Wednesday, September 7, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.*

## **CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

830 Lyons Avenue • Irvington, New Jersey

*Rev. Ron Christian, Pastor*

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Reflections

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

*Following the interment, family and friends are invited to the repast at*

*IYO Center*

*703 S 12 St. • Newark, NJ 07108*

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each and every one of us must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
And bury your sorrows  
in doing good deeds  
Miss me-but let me go.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Basil Lamont Walker** would like to express  
their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many prayers  
and kindnesses shown during this time of bereavement  
May God bountifully bless each of you!*

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