Reverend Alonzo Loftin "Lonzo"

Sunrise September 4, 1953

Sunset September 25, 2011

In Loving Memory

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 11:00 a.m. **MONUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH** 121 Lafayette Street Jersey City, New Jersey Pastor Joseph L. Jones, Officiating

<u>Obituary</u>



**Reverend Alonzo "Lonzo" Loftin** was born on September 4th, 1953 in Jersey City, NJ to Nelson and Erma Loftin. He was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 25th, 2011.

Alonzo was educated in the New Jersey Public and Parochial School Systems, with elementary attendance at Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) and high school qualifications at Lincoln High School. He was joined in Holy Matrimony to Cheryl Loftin on May 28, 1972, and to this union, three children were born. After graduation, Alonzo served his country by

enlisting in the United States Army. His servitude and fervor for humanity was further established by his deep passion and commitment to the Lord. Alonzo continued his educational endeavors by attending Florida Memorial University, obtaining his Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy located in Miami, FL in the Month of July 2002. In the Month of May 2006, he obtained his post-graduate degree, a Masters of Divinity, from the Union Theological Seminary located in New York, NY; and on July 30th, 2011 he received his Certified License of Ministry and Certificate of Ordination at Hosack Avenue Baptist Church located in San Antonio, TX.

Alonzo is survived by his wife, Cheryl Loftin and three children, Alonzo Loftin Jr., Christopher Loftin Sr., and Alia Loftin of Jersey City, NJ; parents, Nelson Loftin of Linden, AL and Erma Loftin-Northrop of San Diego, CA; grandmother, Martha Henry of Jersey City, NJ; siblings, Tyrone Loftin of San Diego, CA, Carol Lassiter of Bayonne, NJ, Linda "Bonnie" Loftin of Sacramento, CA, Tamara "Tammy" Loftin of Roselle NJ, and Anthony "Tony" Loftin of Madison Heights, VA; two grandchildren, Morgan Loftin and Christopher Loftin, Jr. (Christopher Loftin, Sr.); nieces and nephews include, Kasmin McGhee, Alysha Loftin, and Cameron Loftin (Tyrone Loftin), Laneeta (Maurice) Luke, Lamarr Lassiter, Yvonne Lassiter (Carol Lassiter), Neonta (Kevin) Morrison (Tammy Loftin), LaVahn Loftin, Maya Loftin, and Chase Loftin (Tony Loftin); and a multitude of great nieces, cousins and beloved friends.

Alonzo Loftin was a giver not a taker. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He loved to travel and has touched many lives, enjoying everyone he encountered. He exemplified what a human being should be: loving, caring, respectful, and strong sense of humor coupled with humility and modesty. He had a lot of love in his heart... and a lot of hearts loved him. He will be dearly missed by his family and many friends and will never be forgotten.



<u>Order of Service</u>

Musical Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks & Reflections

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment Bayview Cemetery Jersey City, New Jersey



**Missing You!** As we sit here with our hearts aching thinking of you, We know you would not want us feeling so blue, How can we stop this ache in our hearts, Knowing and accepting that we are apart, We cannot compete with God and His plan, We are so happy He chose a Great Man, You are now in Heaven with God above, We know we'll get through this because of your love. We Love You Lonzo!

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

Professional Services Entrusted Jo:

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