

Celebrating the Life of
Paul Kidd

Sunrise
February 1, 1945

Sunset
February 3, 2012

Thursday, February 9, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Dr. Richard Lecher, Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer of SCARC , Officiating

Reflections of Life



Paul Kidd was born on February 1, 1945 to the late Grace Kidd Carpenter in Newark, New Jersey. After a brief illness, God gave Paul his wings on February 3, 2012 at Newton Memorial Hospital in Newton, New Jersey at the age of sixty-seven.

Paul, who was born with Bardet-Biedl Syndrome, and his mother lived with his grandparents, Harrison and Bessie Kidd in Newark, New Jersey until his grandmother's illness prevented her from continuing to care for him. Paul's condition left him mentally, physically, hearing and visually impaired.

At the age of eleven, Paul was placed in residential quarters where he was nurtured and well cared for by SCARC, but without family presence. About 1996, a staff member was reviewing his file and found a contact number of a cousin who had known Paul's mother. This cousin referred them to Paul's late and beloved, great "Aunt Sara" and a sixteen year or more union was re-established with his family! When Aunt Sara was able, she would invite Paul for weekends, family gatherings and holidays. One of Paul's most precious memories was the 2006 Barnett-Kidd Family Reunion in Chester, PA where he was able to meet and spend time with many of his aunts, uncles and cousins whom he had never met.

Despite Paul's impairments he was the nicest, most humble and respectful individual you'd ever want to meet and loved spending time with his family. At his Branchville home, he was always giving his cousin, Barbara marching orders about making arrangements to come to her home, being very specific about whom to contact and when!

Paul had particular pride in his appearance and the twenty plus Special Olympic medals he won for bowling. You would often see him dressed in a shirt, tie and sweater vest sporting all of his medals! Paul couldn't understand his scoliosis or the concern his Branchville family had about him wearing these heavy medals daily. "What do you mean, it's not healthy? I feel fine!"

His cousin, Tyanna gave him the title of "Family Bowler" which tickled him to the core!

Paul was a volunteer worker for Harvest Home Food Center- Branchville, NJ, Clark Center- Augusta, NJ and the Sparta Senior Center- Sparta, NJ until his illness prevented him from working.

Paul leaves to cherish his memory: two great aunts, Anna Fields and Arnetta Stokes; one uncle, John Henry Kidd (Ola); two aunts, Jeanette Mersier and Bernice Hunter (Raymond); Special cousins, Barbara (Wajid), Tyanna and Nadira, Group Homes; Woodbine State Colony, Hunterdon State School, Beemerhill family, Branchville family and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection

Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. Richard Lecher, Ph.D

Scripture Reading.....Deborah Gregory
Old Testament
New Testament

Musical Selection

Reflections.....Family and Friends

Acknowledgement and Obituary.....Sheila Manigault

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Dr. Richard Lecher, Ph.D

Benediction.....Dr. Richard Lecher, Ph.D

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

My Cousins

by Paul Kidd

*My cousins make me laugh and smile,
I like to talk to them on the phone for a while,
I love my cousins very much,
I'm lucky to have them in my family!*



In Paul's memory donations may be made to:

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Acknowledgement

The family of Paul Kidd wishes to sincerely express loving thanks and appreciation for the tremendous support, prayers and acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.

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