

*Home-Going Service
and Celebration of the Life of*

Jeffrey Jacob Pownes



Sunrise

November 29, 1955

Sunset

June 23, 2012

Services

Friday, July 6, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*103 Valley Street
South Orange, New Jersey*

Obituary

Jeffrey Jacob Pownes – devoted son, nephew, God-brother, uncle, cousin, and friend – passed unexpectedly on Saturday, June 23, 2012. He was 56 years old, and will be greatly missed.

Jeffrey was born in New York City on November 29, 1955. He was the son of Dorothy Turner Pownes, and the late Jacob Pownes. **Jeffrey** was raised in South Orange in a loving family and among a close community of neighbors and friends, where he resided on Second Street until the family moved to Maplewood. He was christened at First Baptist Church, South Orange in 1956, by the late Reverend Edgar G. Thomas, and was later baptized at the age of 12. He attended Sunday school, and was active in church programs and plays. He was also a Boy Scout with a troop at St. Andrew's Church in South Orange. In the early 1980's, **Jeffrey** married Tawanna Ellis, who is also deceased.

Jeffrey developed his love of music, most notably the Blues and Rock 'n' Roll, at an early age. He studied drums and the trumpet as part of the school's music program, and later through private lessons. He also became an accomplished guitar player and teacher of private lessons. In his later years, he continued to enjoy a variety of music and musicians, especially those from the 70's such as Jimi Hendricks, Bob Marley, James Brown, and Peter Frampton to name a few.

As a young child, **Jeffrey** attended Carteret, a private school in West Orange, from Kindergarten through Grade 3. He later transferred into the South Orange-Maplewood School system where he attended First Street School, South Orange Junior High, and later Columbia High School in Maplewood.

Like his father, **Jeffrey** was a gifted interior painter and designer. For many years, he worked along side his father in the family's business, *Pownes Interior Decorating*. After his father's passing, he continued to put his artistic, creative and handy talents to work, and to manage the family's properties.

Left to mourn his passing but to cherish his memory are his loving mother, Dorothy; his aunt, Virginia Turner Hayes, his first cousin George "Eddie" Pownes, his God-sister Dr. Adunni Slackman Anderson; his "nephews" Nkosi Anderson, Anwar Anderson, and John Slackman, Jr; and a host of other family members and dear friends.

Order of Service

Music of Comfort

Invocation *Rev. Terry Richardson, M. Div., Senior
Pastor/Officiating Clergy*

Prayer of Comfort

Solo Tyrone Dunlap

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 103:1-5 *Mrs. Renee Daly Jackson,
Classmate and Friend*

New Testament - John 14:1-7 *Mr. Nkosi Anderson, "Nephew"*

Solo *"How Great Thou Art" - Ms. Christina Pryor*

Obituary *Dr. Adunni Slackman Anderson, God-Sister*

~ Reflections ~
Anwar Anderson, "Nephew"
George Lewis, Jr., Friend

Choir Selection

Eulogy *Rev. Terry Richardson, M. Div., Senior Pastor*

Recessional *Clergy & Family*

Interment
*Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey*

Repast

All are invited to Return to the
Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church

Pall Bearers

George Lewis; Anwar Anderson; Barry Askew; Nkosi Anderson
George Mangum; John Slackman, Jr.; and Arthur Williams

A Mother's Love

"For My Son Jeffrey"

(Taken from Poems of Faith by Helen Steiner Rice, 1981)

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
and it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many-splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*

Acknowledgement

I am eternally grateful to each of you – from near and far – for your outpouring of support, thoughtfulness and love during this time. It warms my heart to know that Jeffrey was loved by so many as he was by my husband Jake, and me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for caring about us, and for your expressions of sympathy.

*On behalf of our son, and the family of **Jeffrey Jacob Pownes**, may God continue to richly Bless you!*

His loving mother,

Dorothy

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