



Celebrating the
Life of

Willie H. Mims, Jr.

Sunrise
July 30, 1968

Sunset
June 28, 2012

Service

Friday, July 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

575 East 18th Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Albert P. Rowe, Officiating

Reflections of Life



On July 30, 1968, in Paterson, New Jersey, in the beauty of a day never before given by God and now consumed forever in eternity, Willie. and Theresa Mims were blessed with the birth of their first child, a beautiful bouncing baby boy who they named **Willie**. He was called from this world of labor to receive his eternal prize on June 28, 2012, doing what he loved best, playing football.

Peanut, as he was affectionately known by family and friends, graduated from John F. Kennedy High School and attended Southern Connecticut University and The University of Florida. While in high school he began his football career playing with the Kennedy Knight football team. Throughout his football career Peanut held numerous positions, but he particularly enjoyed being the wide receiver. Over the last twenty-two years, his athletic skills and abilities allowed him to excel in the arena and semi-professional football leagues

Peanut loved his family immensely and would do anything for them. He was optimistic about life and brought joy and inspiration to his family and others. He was always smiling, and willing to help anyone in need.

His love for sports inspired him to become a coach and mentor to many young athletes. In addition to his love for football, he coached the Hope Angels, Lady Angels, Lady Stallions and the Def Squad girl's basketball teams. He took great pride in encouraging others to stay focused and reach their fullest potential. During his later years, Peanut played for the Scranton Eagles, NEPA Miners, and most recently the Electric City Chargers when right before practice he collapsed and died.

Peanut will never be forgotten and will be sadly missed as he departs this earthly life to be with the Lord. He leaves to cherish his memory, Children: Shatia Mims (Pennsylvania), Dara Shipman-Mason (Georgia), Daraye and Dekyri Mims: Grandchildren: Davion and Ka'Mya Mims, Corey Mason, Jr. (Georgia); Parents: Willie and Theresa Mims; Brothers: Deaven and D'Ron Mims; Uncles: John Mims (California), Ronald and Raymond Hicks. He is also survived by his Adopted mother: Willie Mae Carswell; Adopted son: Marcus Martin (Texas); Godparents: Dr. Barbara Walters Shields (Florida) and James Rollins (Georgia); God sister: Trenace Greene (Maryland); God daughter: Koryn Lawrence-Barrett; Special aunts: Eliza Rollins, Alene Perry(Georgia) and Mary Scudder (Georgia); Special cousins: Anthony Walters(Florida), Maurice Hicks, Randy Crawley, Dwayne Taylor, Dawnette Jenkins(Georgia) and Rev. Pamela Powell; Devoted friend, Kim Ferguson; Special friends, Andre (Rocky) Rutherford, Eric Downing, Donnie Jackson, Veree Freeman, Wallace Haynes ; Coach Richard Hall and football family; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

In loving memory of Willie, and because of his compassion in helping others, he became an organ donor. Even in death Willie, provides hope to many men, women, and children who are in need of a life saving or life enhancing transplant.

To God be the Glory for allowing Willie to share life with us.

Order of Service

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth

Psalm 124:8

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:2

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture Passage

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer.....Rev. Randall Lassiter

Hymn of Comfort..... "Don't Cry For Me" - Cora Quince

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 11:17-44

Selection..... "Safe In His Arms" - Lisa Weaver

Words of Comfort and Reflections.....Deacon Thomas Crawford

Deaconess Annabelle Jones

Dwayne Thomas

Donnie Jackson

Richard Hall

Randy Crawley

Eric Downing

Andre "Rocky" Rutherford

Veree Freeman

Representative from Family.....Shatia Mims, Daughter

Selection.....Choir

Poem.....Katie Allen

Resolutions.....Sandra Urquhart

Acknowledgments.....Marsha Muckle

Reflections of Life.....Dr. Lenora Hicks Thompson

Solo.....Cora Quince

Eulogy **"No One Like Him"** - Rev. Dr. Albert P. Rowe

Viewing

Closing Selection "Going Up Yonder" - Choir

Recessional

IntermentFairlawn Memorial Cemetery • Fair Lawn, NJ

THE NEXT PLACE

The next place that I go will be as peaceful and familiar as a sleepy summer Sunday and a sweet untroubled mind. And yet it won't be anything like any place I've ever been or seen or even dreamed of, in the place I leave behind.

I'll glide beyond the rainbow, I'll drift above the sky, and I'll fly into the wonder without ever wondering why. I won't remember getting there, somehow I'll just arrive. But I'll know that I belong there and will feel much more alive.

There will be no room for darkness in that place of living light, where an ever dawning morning pushes back the dying night. The next place that I go won't really be a place at all. There won't be any seasons –no winter, summer, spring or fall.

The body I once lived in won't be part of me at all. I will finally be perfect; I will be without a flaw. I will never make one more mistake or break the smallest law, and the me that was impatient, angry or unkind will simply be no more.

I will travel empty handed because there is not a single thing that I have collected that I would ever want to bring except the love of those who loved me and the warmth of those who cared.

I will cherish all the friendships I was fortunate to find, all the love and all the laughter in the place I left behind. All these good things will go with me. They will make my spirit glow and that light will shine forever in the next place that I go.

Excerpts by Warren Hanson

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during their time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you.

The Mims Family

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