

Obituary

James Lee Parker, Jr. affectionately known as "Duke" son of James Sr. and Gerthena Parker, was born on November 10, 1957 in Enfield, NC. He departed this life on July 27, 2012.

Duke attended Dawson Elementary School in NC. Then in 1969 the family moved to Newark, NJ where he went to Seventh Avenue and Barringer High School.

Duke was an excellent, kind hearted, giving, loving person. Where if he could have gave you his heart he would. He was employed at Kearny Steel for many years of his life. He then began to follow his dream and began to lay carpet in which he retired.

Duke leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Gerthena Parker; son, Latique Mayse; two brothers, Jimmy Parker and Robert Parker; two sisters, Doris Parker and Marjorie Parker; three nieces, Ericka, Alyssa and Alexis; three nephews, Jimmy, Kareem and Jimmy, Jr.; four grandchildren, Zayidah and Akil Mayse, Ny-Samaac and Shatiqua Vangh; one daughter-in-law, Raafiyah Mayse; best friends, Lonnie Nelson and Sharon Mayse; one great niece Ty-Janae Morgan and one great nephew Zy'Mir Morton; bestfriends, Lonnie Nelson and Sharon Mayse; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Duke will be met at the gate by his grandmother, Else Isaac, father, James, Sr., daughter, Tasha Mayse, granddaughter, Tyesha Mayse and many more with open arms to greet him home.

Order of Service

| Musical PreludeWalt Sorey |
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| Processional Clergy and Family |
| Opening Hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" |
| Scripture Reading Terri Cobbs Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - John 14:1-6 |
| Prayer of Comfort Rev. Abdul Taylor New Hope Baptist Church |
| Selection |
| Acknowledgement / ObituaryZayidah Mayse |
| Reflection (2 minutes please) |
| Selection |
| EulogyRev. Abdul Taylor |
| Recessional Family and Friends |
| Parting View Family Only |

<u>Interment</u>

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey









He Is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will
come back, Or you can open your eyes and see
all that he has left. Your heart can be empty
because you can't see him Or you can be full of
the love that you shared, You can turn your back
on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be
happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You
can remember him and only that he is gone or
you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and
turn your back, Or you can do what he would
want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

-Author unknown



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You.

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