

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Dakim Rahmel Singleton***



*Sunrise*  
March 2, 1983

*Sunset*  
September 7, 2012

Service  
Saturday, September 15, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**Abyssinian Baptist Church**  
132 West 138th Street, NYC, NY

# Obituary

**Dakim Rahmel Singleton** was born at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens New York to Mrs. Effie Bell-Singleton and Mr. Lawrence Singleton on March 2nd, 1983. At three years of age his mother discovered he had a natural gift of dancing which she nurtured and encourage by putting him in many dance programs later on in life. Dakims dad passed early on in life. His mother met a gentleman whom Dakim gravitated to and the bond was mutual. Mr. Rome became Dakims male figure, role model and step father as a result in whom he affectionately call "Big Teddy Bear".

Dakim attended the New York City Public School System and was educated at P.S 94, Middle school 208 and graduated from the Dr. Martin Luther Kings High School at the head of his class earning several awards in academics and performing arts. He went on to Columbia University to pursue his Baccalaureate Degree in Social Sciences.

Dakim's maternal grandparents where a strong force in his upbringing and shaping and molding him into the kind, funny and creative person he was. His grandfather and he were especially close even until his passing right before Dakim graduated from high school. At his graduation he paid homage to them as he walked across the stage and proudly excepted his awards and diploma.

Dakim loved to dance and was a part of many different dance teams, organizations and programs. His gift was not his to keep and he shared it with whomever would watch. He danced at Frederick Douglas community center, and anywhere else he could. He brought peace and joy to the hearts of many through his wonderful and beautiful gift of dancing. Like David in the bible when trouble came upon him he would dance before the Lord with reverence.

Dakim was the big brother to Jamel Singleton who he loved dearly, and although Dakim was the elder of the two, Jamel was the protector of his older brother. Their bond was unbreakable and their love is bulletproof. They shared a love for music and fashion and one another. He was especially close to his cousin Sakinah Bell and loved her more as a sister than a cousin. They shared secrets, fashion tips, and more so she was his confidant and loyal friend.

Dakim was a special young man and knew this from early on that his challenges where different from others. He however never allowed anyone to make him feel uncomfortable with who he was and made no apologize for embracing what God had created. As we all know God makes NO mistakes. He made everyone around him feel equal, he had a charismatic charm and this magnetic ability to draw everyone in his presence to him through laughter and his funny and truthful sense of humor.

Dakim departed this earth on Friday September 7th, 2012 at the young age of 29 years old while being treated at Mount Sinai Hospital for an ailment he has been fighting for some time. He fought a good fight and was finally at peace with himself and others when he let go of this world and took the hand of God. He excepted the Lord Jesus Christ into his life ,heart and soul as his personal Lord and Savior and as scripture reminds us in Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Dakims faith is what sustained him and kept him through his many battles.

He leaves behind his loving and committed Mother Effie (Beauty) Bell-Singleton which he affectionately called her, His Stepfather Rome (Big Teddy Bear), His little brother Jamel, His Cousin (Sister) Shakinah Bell, His Uncles Wyman, Kelvin and Gregory Bell and a host of Adopted Aunties and Uncles as well as many friends and acquaintances... Dakim couldn't walk from one corner to the next without seeing someone who knew him and someone who he knew and he loved people from all walks of life. He will be missed but never forgotten and I know he is BOOM KATTING In Heaven As we speak!

May the hand of the lord continue to bless you and keep you as you where a blessing to all who knew you.

# *Order of Service*

Officiating  
The Rev. Violet L.D. Lee, Ph.D.

Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Congregational Hymn  
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” #431

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament - Psalm 23  
New Testament - Romans 8:31-39

Prayer of Comfort

Solo  
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

The Obituary

Solo  
“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

**Final Disposition**  
Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

Poem : By Wanda M. Wolfe

If I could come back for just one day  
I know exactly what I would say  
To my family and friends and those who I love  
As a message from God who speaks from above  
I would say it's okay to be sad for awhile  
But what I really want most is to see your smile,  
And for you to go on and live once again  
Allowing the Lord to comfort your pain.  
I know that you loved me with all of your heart  
And that none of you wanted for me to depart  
I don't quite understand it myself  
But I know you'll get by with a little help.  
Yes, I would say to be sad for a day  
And to do what you need to do;  
And then lift up your eyes  
to the wonder of the sky  
And know that I loved you too

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run,  
and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

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