

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgements

The family of **David Lewis Tanner** kindly expresses the sincere gratitude felt for all your prayers, kind thoughts, words, deeds, phone calls and visits during our time of bereavement. We pray God continues to richly bless you for all you have done for us.

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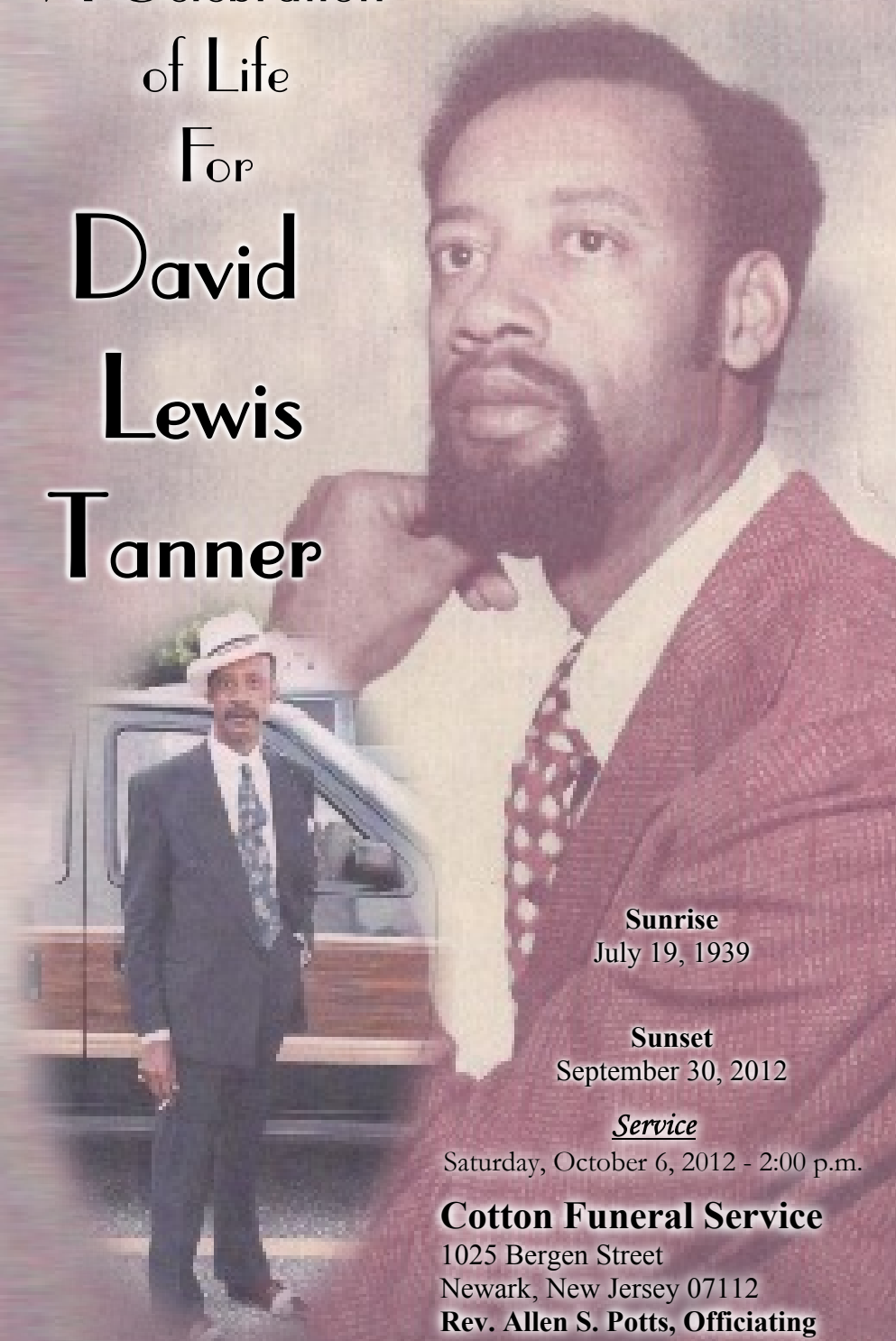
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A Celebration of Life For David Lewis Tanner



Sunrise
July 19, 1939

Sunset
September 30, 2012

Service
Saturday, October 6, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey 07112
Rev. Allen S. Potts, Officiating

Order of Service

Viewing

Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Reading of Acknowledgements

Reading of Obituary

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Allen S. Potts

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Cremation

Evergreen Crematory
Hillside, New Jersey

*Repast will follow after service at
Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church
88 Lyons Avenue, Newark, NJ 07112*

Obituary

David Lewis Tanner was born July 19, 1939 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was the first born of David Luther Tanner and Hattie B. Parham-Tanner. He was outgoing, generous, loving father, brother, uncle and a friend to many.

He was employed at Worthington Pump in Harrison, NJ for many years, General Motors in Linden, NJ and Garden State Lab in Hillside, NJ.

David joins in eternity, with his parents, David Luther Tanner and Hattie B. Parham-Tanner and his brother, John Tanner.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Betty Robertson-Tanner; two children, Mia Tanner (fiance, William Brookins), Hillside, NJ and Duane Hayes, Virginia Beach, VA; brothers and sisters, Samuel Tanner (wife, Queene Tanner), Virginia Beach, VA, Frederick Tanner, Brooklyn, NY, Linda Simuel, East Orange, NJ and Debra Gibson, Little Falls, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and loving friends.

Special people in his life: Albert (June) Goode, Cousin, Charlie Williams, Best Friend and Sabrina Parrish, Niece. Words just aren't enough to explain the Love, Respect and Gratitude shared between all of you.

To My Dad

*If I could write a story
It would be the greatest ever told
Of a kind and loving father
Who had a heart of gold
If I could write a million pages
But still be unable to say, just how
Much I love and will miss you
Every single day
I will remember all you taught me
I'm hurt but won't be sad
Because I know you will watch over me every single day.
Love you Daddy Forever*

~Mia

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