Homegoing Service

Thomas Anthony Wright McCartha Sunrise: January 31, 1965 ~ Sunset: October 16, 2012

<u>Service</u>

Sunday, October 28, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Luke Baptist Church 139 A.M. Tyler Place (Carroll Street) Paterson, NJ 07501 Officiating: Pastor Kenneth D.R. Clayton

<u>Reflections of Life</u>

**Thomas Anthony Wright McCartha** was born January 31, 1965 in Paterson, NJ to the late Mr. Thomas Anthony Wright McCartha Sr. and Lena (Barbour) McCartha.

Thomas attended Paterson Public Schools and was a 1983 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. Thereafter he joined the US Navy. For the past ten years, Thomas worked with the DeKalb County Animal and Enforcement Services.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas A.W. McCartha Sr., sister Damita "Babbs" Saunders, and sister Sheila D. Jackson.

On Tuesday, October 16, 2012, the Almighty God brought to rest, the life of Thomas Anthony Wright McCartha, after a long illness.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two daughters, Azia McCartha and Ashley McCartha of Paterson; one grandson, Ayden Wiggins of Paterson; mother Lena (Barbour) McCartha of Atlanta, GA; three brothers, Anthony and Byeish McCartha both of Atlanta, GA, Matthew McCartha of Wilkes-Barre, PA; two sisters, Marcella Austin of Atlanta, GA, Michelle McCartha of Paterson, NJ; goddaughter, Draonna Jackson of Atlanta, GA; Fiancé, Donna Cason and her two children, Elisha Turner and Brandon Cason; cousin/bestfriend/confidant, Vincent "Lenny" and wife, Guinevera Conklin of Atlanta, GA; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

A previous celebration of life was held in Stone Mountain, GA. Now Tommy has come home to Paterson NJ, for his final resting place.

<u>Order of Service</u>

*Hymn of Comfort* #325 "We'll Understand It Better By and By"

> *The Scripture Reading* Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: John 14:1-6

The Prayer of Comfort Guided

*The Hymn of Hope and Assurance* #248 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

Expressions of Sympathy and Comfort Guided

Special Remarks & Presentation Ashley McCartha (Daughter)

Acknowledgements and Reflections of Life Dawn Fitch

> Selection Edwena D. Peoples

The Message of Comfort Pastor Clayton

*Recessional* #429 "When We All Get to Heaven"

## <u>Interment</u>

Monday, October 29, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. Cedar Lawn Cemetery Paterson, New Jersey

## **WELCOME HOME**

TO THOSE I LOVE: When I am gone, just release me let me go, so I can move into my AFTERGLOW. You mustn't tie me down with your tears; let's be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love; you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone. So grieve for me awhile if grieve you must. Then let your grief be comforted with trust. It's only for awhile that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart. And, then when you must come this way alone. I'll greet you with a smile and a "WELCOME HOME".

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Thomas Anthony Wright McCartha** wish to express their appreciation and sincere thanks for all of your acts of kindness, your presence, your prayers near and far shown to us during this time.

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