In Loving Memory of

Julius Thompson

Sunrise September 9, 1961 *Sunset* March 8, 2014

<u>Service</u> Monday, March 17, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH 303 West 153rd Street • New York, NY 10027

<u>Obituary</u>

Julius was born in New York City on September 9, 1961 to the late Mary Melvin Thompson and Theodore Thompson Sr. Julius expired on Saturday night, March 8, 2014 at 11:47 PM in Roosevelt Hospital, New York City.

Julius grew up in Harlem and attended parochial elementary schools, and Martin Luther King Jr. High School. He was a very outgoing, sociable and charismatic person who had many friends and many acquaintances. Julius never met any strangers and did not judge anyone; he responded to people the same way, regardless of their status. He had a good heart.

Julius loved to look his best at all times no matter where he went; he was aware of "what was stylish", had a high regard for quality, and dressed accordingly. Julius loved to dance and was a smooth and dynamic dancer. (One had to "sweat a lot" to outdo his dance moves.) Julius was also a music lover who enjoyed all kinds of music, especially rhythm and blues and hip hop).

After training for his Commercial Driver License, Julius worked as a driver for private sanitation and the Grey Line Bus Company. He especially liked his job as a tour bus driver because he got the opportunity to interact with so many different people from all walks of life. Apparently they enjoyed their conversations with him too, because of the feedback he received from his employers. Julius always had an entrepreneur mindset. He traveled all over the city with his "backpack" to sell his DVD's and during the summer months, he also sold water. His favorite slogan was: "water, water", "froze it for ya", "I'll bring it to VA" "water, water". He enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships he made.

Julius joined Bethany Baptist Church, where his parents were members for many years. As a youth, he sang in the church choir. During his adult years, he became a student of Christianity and Islam. He was always a spiritual person, who had God in his heart. He was known to give from his heart, if not from his pocket, especially towards his family and close friends. Julius loved children and took them under his wing. (He was also known to take in stray cats and dogs.) He was a father figure to the children of people he considered family and of some he didn't. He was affectionately known as "Grandpy". Julius tried to "school" young people in the right direction.

Julius is survived by his dear sister Brenda J. Thompson Sales, who referred to him affectionately, as "Ju", his partner, Linda Jones and her family, his brother, Marvin Pettiford of Charlotte, N.C., one brother-in-law, Robert Sales, two sisters-in-laws, Shurnetta Thompson and Bertha Pettiford, his nieces Felicia, Imani, Stacy, Asia and Michelle, nephews, Marc, Chad, Damone, Lateef and Cory, Melvin aunts, Thompson aunts, a host of devoted cousins, other family members, and special friends too numerous to list.

Order of Service

ProcessionalOrgani	ist
ScriptureMark Thomps	on
Prayer	
Solo	
The Obituary	
The Eulogy Keith Ro	ock
The BenedictionMinis	ter
Recessional	

<u>Interment</u>

Fair Lawn Cemetery Fair Lawn, New Jersey Oh Ju, I will always love you and miss you. Thanks for the many years of deep, uncontrollable laughter, and I especially thank you for your unconditional love. You are missed. Your sister, Brent

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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