

A portrait of a young Black man with a slight smile, wearing a white head covering and a patterned jacket. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and a sunburst effect.

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Keyon N. Diggs*

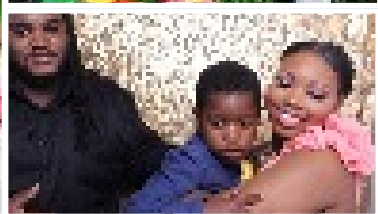
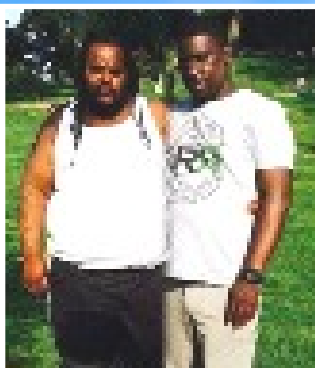
**Sunrise**  
April 15, 1989

**Sunset**  
July 3, 2015

**Service**  
Friday, July 10, 2015 – 11:00 am  
**Christian Pentecostal**  
971 Clinton Avenue  
Irvington, New Jersey  
**Pastor Jerry Smith, Officiating**



# Precious Memories



# Obituary

*Keyon Diggs* of Newark, New Jersey passed away at age 26 on July 3, 2015. Keyon was born on April 15, 1989 to the union of Richard Diggs and Kim Merritt-Hester.

*Keyon* who was affectionately given the nickname Bo Bo by his mother and later he dropped the nickname to just Bo.

*Keyon* attended Miller Street Elementary School. He went on to complete high school at Malcolm X Shabazz in Newark, New Jersey, where he played on the football team. Upon his graduation in 2007, he received a \$10,000 Scholarship from the Sally Mae Foundation for his athleticism and academic performances. Against all odds he went on to Montclair State University where he studied and obtained a Bachelors degree in sociology and criminal justice.

*Keyon* went on to Montclair State University where he graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration.

*Keyon* was a smart intellectual man, who lived his life protecting his family. Family was most important.

*Keyon* cherished and nurtured his son more then life itself. His amusing personality was appreciated by both his family and friends. To know him was to love him, that smile and genuine personality will be missed but not forgotten.

*Keyon* was preceded in death by his grandparents, Earlene Goines and Birtha Diggs.

*Keyon* leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Keyon, Jr.; parents, Richard Diggs and Kim Merritt-Hester; eight brothers, Wakil, Ronald, Nate, Jihad, Richard, Arthur, Kayna and Raquan; two sisters, Keyonna and Zakia; grandfather, Ronald Merritt; nieces, Jahyana, Jayda and Kenya; nephew, Tyequan; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

# Testimonials

Words cannot express how I feel because I know you had so much more life left in you. I will forever have you in my heart and no matter what you will live on and in the hearts of your family. I will miss you Lil Big Bro! You always thought you were the big brother LoL.

Love you Bo forever, DADA

Bo is my brother, my best friend, my protector, my shoulder to cry on, my everything. We are very close and we never left each other side since we were kids. Throughout our childhood, we had nothing but good times, happy moments and great memories. Anytime I needed him he was always there for me, rather it was for advice, to vent, to cry or talk. I often called him son because he always told me I was like a second mother to him and that meant a lot to me. I'm going to miss his presence, his smile, his hugs and his funny jokes. He will forever be in my heart. I know you are in heaven now your soul is still in my heart. I love you, Yonna

Big Bo you always though because you was bigger and younger you could beat me, that how we joked around and that is what I will miss the most, your jokes. Peace cousin, Isa



I was 10 years old when we first met, it started off with you walking me home from school to sitting on the porch talking for hours. Three years later we became one. Since then you were my rock, my best friend, my heart, my everything. God blessed us with the most perfect gift our son Keyon. He has your spirit and your walk and you will live in our hearts forever, and no one could ever replace you. You will always be my fatty. Now your legacy will continue through in your son.

We love you, Siedah

I'm going to miss my Big Baby, Bo who always spoke positive and always had that smile. Bo never has an attitude he was always funny and fun to be around.

Your loving cousin, Yakima

My cousin Big Bo Bouncy, always funny, lovable and he never changed for anybody. We miss you dearly but you will never forget you.

Lee Lee

# Order of Service

**Processional:**  
Pastor Jerry Smith

**Opening Prayer**  
Pastor Jerry Smith

**Solo By:**  
SuSu Montgomery

**Obituary:**  
Kim Goines

**Poem:**  
Simone Goines

**Testimonials:**  
Debra Goines

**Eulogy:**  
Pastor Jerry Smith

**Final Viewing:**

**-Interment-**  
Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, New Jersey



**Pallbearers**  
Family and Friends

## *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 bur-  
dened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomor-  
row. 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*

## *Rest In Peace Son*

The death of a child is the hardest to bear for they are the one who needed you the most in his life he has shown the family and friends a path to hold on too now he is resting in heaven His family and friends look forward to the day when they will be reunited once again in heaven.

## *Our Prayer: Be Whole*

*The home we seek is in eternity The truth we seek is like a shoreless sea,  
Of which your paradise is but a drop. This ocean can be yours; why  
should you stop Beguiled by dreams of evanescent dew? The secrets of  
the Sun are yours, but you Content yourself with motes trapped in its  
beams Turn to what truly lives, reject what seems-Which matters more,  
the body or the soul? Be whole: desire and Journey through life To be  
whole, find yourself love yourself Change!*

*The Family*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
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,  
Whatever the part.

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