



**IN LOVING MEMORY**


**OF**

**YUSEF ALI PEREZ, JR.**



**Sunrise**  
April 9, 1998

**Sunset**  
July 6, 2015



*Monday, July 13, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Pastor Jerry Smith, Officiating*

# **OBITUARY**

**YUSEF ALI PEREZ, JR.** was born on April 9, 1998 in Newark, NJ at Aaliyah Brady and Yusef Ali Perez. Yusef transitioned into eternal life on July 6, 2015. Yusef was the oldest of six children and was blessed with a daughter, Jailani Spann.

Yusef grew up in Newark and attended Newark Public Schools. He loved sports and after school activities. He was very athletic, he played basketball and football for the Newark West Ward Hawks and the City of Orange. He was also a boy scout troop. Yusef graduated from Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary and attended Newark Early College High School where he would have attained his high school diploma with the graduating class of 2016.

Yusef was a sweet, loving kid who was always respectful and willing to help whoever he was around. He was smart, charming and loved being a big brother to his siblings. Yusef's favorite things were playing video games and eating Chinese food. He had a smile that would melt your heart and we will miss him dearly.

Yusef was preceded in death by his great aunt, Rosetta Herrington (Newark, NJ), grandfather, Lavaughn Raymond, Jr. (Newark, NJ), great grandmothers, Bernetha Raymond (Newark, NJ) and Carmen Perez (New York, NY).

Yusef leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life: his daughter, Jailani Spann; mother, Aaliyah Brady; father, Yusef Ali Perez; five brothers, Yasin, Yazir, Jahzir, Nayon and Jalil; two sisters, Akiira and Tre'jure; grandmothers, Doretha Brady (Newark, NJ) and Margareta Perez (New York, NY); grandfather, Samad Way (Newark, NJ); great grandfather, Lavaughn Raymond Sr. (Poole, GA); and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends.

We Love You Yusef but God loves you more, and we are Thankful for the years he Blessed us with you.

Lovingly Submitted by,  
The Family

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Officiating.....Pastor Jerry Smith

Selection .....Tyroshia Taylor

Scripture Reading

Old Testament .....Min. Samantha Edward

New Testament.....Min. Samantha Edward

Prayer of Comfort .....Min. Samantha Edward

Selection .....Tyroshia Taylor

Remarks.....(Two minutes each please)

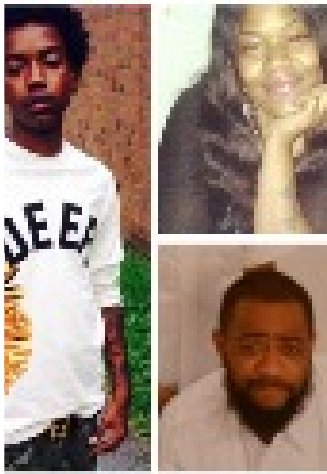
Acknowledgements/ Obituary..... Sabree Brown

Selection.....Tyroshia Taylor

Eulogy .....Pastor Jerry Smith

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**INTERMENT**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
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## **A PICTURE OF YOU**

I only have a picture now, A frozen piece of time,  
To remind me of how it was,  
When you were here, and mine.

I see your smiling eyes, Each morning  
when I wake, I talk to you, and place a  
kiss, Upon your lovely face.

How much I miss you being here, I really  
cannot say, The ache is deep inside my  
heart, And never goes away.

I hear it mentioned often, That time will  
heal the pain, But if I'm being honest, I hope it will remain.

I need to feel you constantly, To get me through the day,  
I loved you so very much, Why did you go away?

The angels came and took you, That really wasn't fair,  
They took my one and only Son, My future life. My heir.

If only they had asked me, If I would take your place,  
I would have done so willingly, Leaving you this world to grace.

You should have had so many years, To watch your life unfold,  
And in the mist of this, Watch me, your Mum grow old!

I hope you're watching from above, At the daily tasks I do,  
And let there be no doubt at all, I really do love you.

### **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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