

A portrait of Marcel Al-Kariq Sample, a young man with dark hair, looking slightly upwards and to the right. He is wearing a dark cap and a light-colored shirt. The background is a soft, blue and white sky with clouds. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

In Loving Memory of
Marcel Al-Kariq Sample

Sunrise
February 10, 1972

Sunset
September 12, 2015

Monday, September 21, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Marcel Al-Kariq Sample, son of the late Mary L. Thomas and James Sample was born February 10, 1972, in Bartow, Florida. He was affectionately known to his family and friends as “Cel”.

He was preceded in death by a loving mother, Mary L. Thomas, father, James (Jimmy) Sample, brothers, Keith, Kareem and Raheem Sample.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his grandparents, Ellsworth Thomas and Johnny F. Thomas; wife, Sharonda Sample; stepchildren, Kadejah Parker, Kevon Parker, John Gibbons of Staten Island, NY; brothers, Derrick Sample (Fetika) of Plant City, FL, David Taylor of New Jersey; sister, Taisha Sample; uncles/aunts, Christopher K. Thomas, Johnny L. Thomas (Natalie), Rita Manderville (Morris), Evelyn M. Thomas, Starr A. Thomas and Shaun Johnson all of New Jersey; aunt, Evelyn Smith of Lawrenceville, NJ; nephew, Derrick A.J. Sample II; nieces, Xiume Willis, Hydia Willis, Derrihanna Sample, Breanna Sample, Laderricous Sample, Anari Sample; and a host of cousins, Eppirt Street family and close friends.

Marcel Sample was known for his innovative style of dress, craziness, and protective ways of his loved ones. He had a heart of gold that illuminates the sky. He worked in construction and demolishing in Staten Island, NY. He was a very unique man, and the oldest grandchild of thirty. He always let you know that he was in the building, he was serious about his family which he loved very much. He had an infectious smile; his smile can light up the whole room. His sense of humor was like no other! He was brutally honest and last but not least he was a lover and sometimes a fighter. Sometimes he was wrong, sometimes he was right, but he was our grandson, brother, nephew, cousin, love one and we LOVE Marcel for who he was and he will truly be missed.

Order of Service

Opening Selection song by Natasha Thomas

Speaking Elder Barrow
Christopher K. Thomas
Dreamy Thomas

New Testament Matthew 11:28, 29 and 30

Prayer of Comfort Kristy Thomas-Hayes

Reading of Obituary Derrick Sample and Nakia Thomas

Remarks John Gibbons

Eulogy

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Pallbearers

Cousins

Flower Bearers

Cousins

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, but be happy now, I am free. I took God's 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, to pray. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I've found peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. Perhaps my time seems all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and be happy. God wants me now, "He Set Me Free"!



Acknowledgement

The family of **Marcel A. Sample** would like to express our sincere appreciation and deep gratitude for all condolences and acts of kindness rendered to us in a time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you all!

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