

In Loving Memory of

Crystal Williams

Sunrise: July 15, 1982 **Sunset:** July 25, 2015



Sterling Harris

Sunrise: February 22, 1973 Sunset: September 9, 2015

Memorial Service

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

SCONIERS FUNERAL SERVICE

736 Clinton Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07108

Rev. N.K. Mason, Officiating

Millennium Bible Fellowship

Min. Jearl Corbett, Organist

Reflections of Life

Crystal S. Williams daughter of Gwendolyn Williams and Edward Jefferies (deceased) was born on July 15, 1982 at Saint Michael's Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. Unexpectedly, our Lord called Crystal home on July 25, 2015.

Crystal's education began in Farmville, Virginia with her grandmother's oversight as an educator, her brother Sterling, and close cousins, Adrien and Eva. Her mother knew Crystal would thrive with close family members surrounding her during the early years of her education. Crystal returned to Montclair, NJ to graduate in 2000 from Montclair High School.

Crystal enjoyed interacting with different people. Her bubbly and affectionate personality made everyone she came in contact with feel at ease. This served her well as she pursued an education in retail sales and management at Katherine Gibbs School for Business.

Crystal was affectionately nicknamed "Ladybug" by her mom. Ladybugs are the symbol of delight, happiness, and a playful spirit. They represent the spirit of childlike freedom for all ages. Crystal embodied the spirit of the Ladybug. She leaves to mourn her passing, mother, Gwendolyn Harris and stepfather, Kenneth Harris of Montclair, NJ; her brother, Sterling Harris of Montclair, NJ now deceased; very best friend, Sherette Thomas; and two special children, Samadand and Cyee Thomas who Crystal came to care for as her own; and a host of cousins and friends. Crystal leaves this world to join her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Her ladybug spirit will continue to inspire us to seek happiness with playful delight.

Sterling A. Harris, loving son of Gwendolyn Williams was born on February 22, 1973. He grew up in the town of Farmville, Virginia surrounded by love. Sterling moved to Montclair, New Jersey in 1997 to start his career. He worked for several corporations in the client services field where he excelled in his interactions with business associates. He was well-liked by his colleagues. On September 9, 2015 at the age of 42, Sterling was called by God for a higher purpose.

Sterling was passionate about reading, debating, politics, and most importantly the people he loved.

Sterling was also a devoted sports fan. His favorite team was the New York Yankees. He enjoyed watching baseball, basketball, and football.

His quest for learning and reading at any early age earned him a full scholarship to attend Hampden Sydney College where he studied political science. He completed his studies in 1994, graduating with the Sum Cum Laude distinction.

Sterling loved deeply and cared for those in need. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his mother, Gwendolyn Williams and longtime partner, Kenneth Harris of Montclair, New Jersey; brother, Kenny Street of Farmville, Virginia; a host of cousins; and very special friend, Debbie Harris; Mr. Johnny whom Sterling lived with and Michalchik(Captain Mike), both of whom cared for him as a son. Sterling leaves us to join his beloved grandmother, Nellie Jeffries; his aunt, Mary Virginia Peace; and his beautiful sister, Crystal Williams. His grandmother inspired his quest for learning; his aunt taught him passion and determination; and his little sister taught him love. We will miss him deeply, but his passionate spirit will live on.

Memorial Service

Greeting

Invocation

ScripturesOld Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Poetry

Silent reading of Obituary

Acknowledgments

Musical Selection

Message of Hope

Benediction



Don't

Don't spend too much time in mourning. Tears are for the sad. I left to be with Jesus, and this should make you glad. Don't waste your hours in grieving. No need to feel distress. I'm tired of life's frustrations. and had to get some rest. Don't vex yourself with questions, or try to reason why. Life here for me was ended: it came my time to die. Don't lose the love I gave you; feed it with your care. Grow it with devotion and spread it everywhere. Don't fret because my leaving came in such a way. We'll have another meeting, in God's Eternal Day

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree. I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me. Remember the best times. the laughter, the song. The good life I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions. no matter how small. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Unknown Author

Until the day comes we're together again





<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of the late **Sterling Harris and Crystal Williams** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!



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