

In Loving Memory of
Lawrence Julius Blackwell

Sunrise
August 9, 1960

Sunset
October 15, 2015



Viewing

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Service

Saturday, October 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PLINTON-CURRY FUNERAL HOME

428 Elizabeth Avenue • Somerset, NJ 08873

Reflections of Life

Lawrence (Larry) Julius Blackwell, a resident of Somerset, New Jersey died unexpectedly in his home on October 15, 2015.

Larry was born on August 9, 1960 to the late Luther and Hattie (Morrison) Blackwell of Kenbridge, VA. He graduated from Harding High School in Bridgeport, CT and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. He was certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP). He began his career at a bank data center, later transitioning to a Project Management position with IBM and remained there for fifteen years. Larry was employed by the Hartford (CT) before relocating to New Jersey. In 2005, he accepted a Director position with Bowne (NJ). At the time of his death he was working for CVS Health.

Larry met his wife, Rachel (Rae, as he affectionately called her) in Connecticut. They were married on February 14, 2004 in New Haven, CT. They relocated to New Jersey in January 2005. Larry was a loving husband, a loving father, and spiritual man who loved his family.

Larry had a passion for electronics and computer technology. He was a hard worker, a problem solver, and enjoyed conversations and projects that invited one to think beyond the obvious. He was fondly known by many of his co-workers for his work related quotes coined as "Blackwellisms". He received many awards during his employment with various companies. Larry was also gifted with a handsome tenor voice that he shared for many years in his church choir and with a band.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Hattie Blackwell; sister, Shirley (Blackwell) Folson; foster-sister, Shirley (Murray) Williams; brothers: Rodney Blackwell, Michael Blackwell and Mark Blackwell; father-in-law, Edward Baker; and brother-in-law, Edward Baker Jr.

Larry is survived by his wife, Rachel Baker-Blackwell (Baker); his daughter, Kayla M. Blackwell of New Britain, Connecticut; sisters, Nancy Blackwell-Todd (Ocie) of Bridgeport, CT; Patricia Ruby Blackwell-Hall (Larnzie) of Stamford, CT; Christine Blackwell-Dickson (Charles) of Springfield, MO; Elizabeth Blackwell of Stratford, CT; Jennifer Blackwell-Berrios (Michael) of Daytona, FL; and foster-sister, Barbara Murray of Mt. Vernon, NY; brothers, James White (Iris) of Plainfield, NJ; Luther A. Blackwell Jr. (Sharon) of Hamden, CT; and Charles Blackwell of Stratford, CT; God-daughter, Leigh-Ann Todd-Enyame (John) of Harstdale, NY; mother-in-law, Mary Craft Baker of Boynton Beach, FL; aunts, Arlene (Morrison) Smith of Kenbridge, VA; Bessie (Morrison) Ragsdale of Kenbridge, VA.; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews as well as great-great nieces and nephews.

We are blessed to have known Larry and to celebrate his life. So we meet here today to honor and pay tribute to Larry and to express our love and admiration for him. We will always remember his big hearty laughs, his love for good food and his gentle spirit.

The catastrophe of death cannot be altered, but it can be transformed by love.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements

and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Recessional

Final Resting Place

Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, Connecticut

Repast: Venue 1850 Banquet and Meeting Facility, 1850 Easton Ave., Somerset, NJ

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.



Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Lawrence Julius Blackwell** 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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