

Celebration of Life Services for
Jessie Winston Davenport, Jr.



Sunrise
August 18, 1956

Sunset
October 31, 2015

Friday, November 6, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
535 Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Barry Graham, Officiating

Obituary

Jessie Winston Davenport Jr. was born in Paterson, New Jersey on August 18, 1956 to Lottie (Coleman) Davenport-Mayo and the late Jessie Winston Davenport Sr.

Jessie (lovingly known as “Big Jessie” by the kids) was educated by the Paterson Public School system where he graduated from John F. Kennedy High School “Class of 1974”. He completed three years of study at William Paterson College. Jessie was employed for twenty-five years as a Baker at the Drake-Thomas’ Bakery in Totowa, New Jersey.

At an early age, Jessie joined the Greater Bethel Church of Christ in Paterson, NJ where he was baptized and was a long time member until he relocated to South Jersey. He was a man who truly loved the Lord and his family. As a devoted father, grandfather and provider for his children, he often traveled between New Jersey and Georgia just to see and spend time with all of them. Jessie enjoyed helping and talking to others whom he touched with a special love and his infectious smile. He was not only known for his friendly smile and helping hand; but, for his “fierce jump shot” on the basketball court and his loyalty and dedication to both the New York Knicks and New York Mets. Those of us that knew Jessie knew that he was a man who would give his opinion whether you wanted it or not; and he was affectionately known as “The Mayor of Paterson” with his infamous gold Volvo.

He was a friend to all he knew and felt as though he never met a stranger; now being reunited with Randolph “Pom” Grant and his cousin Ronny Mayfield, both with which he had a strong bond and who preceded him in his journey home to the Lord.

He entered into eternal rest on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Jessie leaves to cherish is loving memories four devoted children, Giovanna White and John Crenshaw both of New Jersey, Jessie III and LaSheriah Davenport both of Georgia and three special sons, Tyrone Perdue of New York, Min. R. Jarel Turner and Jaret Turner of New Jersey; two precious grandchildren, Ka’Morah and Kaylah Lee of Georgia; his loving mother, Lottie (Coleman) Davenport-Mayo; one brother, Ronald E. Davenport; four sisters, Denise Castro (former brother-in-law George), Patricia Cebollero (TC), Linda Davenport-Wood (Rudy) all of New Jersey and Michelle Davenport-Montgomery (Gus) of North Carolina, a special aunt, Ruth Davenport who lived with the family throughout his life; three nephews, Cazzie Castro (Grace), Juan Cebollero Jr. and Jordan Montgomery; three Nieces, Jowanna E. Cebollero, Senovia R Mosley (Eric) and Assata S. Wilson; three great-nephews, three great-nieces; close friends and relatives, Helen “Renee” Turner, LaCheryle Perdue, Cornell James, Eugene James, John “Johnny Boy” James, Alan Dantzler, Kenneth Matthews; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Jessie will be greatly missed by many but the cherished memories will forever live in our hearts with an everlasting love.

Order of Service

- CALL TO WORSHIP..... Rev. Barry Graham
- Musical Selection..... “Every Praise” - Joshua Williams
- Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 34:17-22.....Min. R. Jarel Turner
New Testament - II Thess. 2:13-17..... Min. Joaquim Thomas
- Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Barry Graham
- Musical Selection..... “I Won’t Complain” - Joshua Williams
- Expressions of Sympathy and Comfort.....Marquetta Alexander
- Reflections of LifeMarquetta Alexander
- Poem Selections.....Alicia V. Forest
- Reflections by Family & Friends.....Family and Friends
- Special Tribute.....Family
- Musical Selection.....“Worth” - Joshua Williams
- The Message of Comfort.....Bishop Norman Harris, Jr.
Greater Bethel Church of Christ
282 Governor Street, Paterson, NJ 07501
- Final Viewing..... “Total Praise” - Joshua Williams
- Recessional..... Clergy & Family

INTERMENT

Fairlawn Memorial & Mausoleum
Fairlawn, New Jersey

A Letter From Jessie

To my dearest family, Some things I would like to say, But first of all, to let you know That I arrived ok. I'm writing this from Heaven Where I dwell with God above, here there's no more tears or sadness There is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy Just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you Every morning, noon, and night. That day that I had to leave you When my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me And He said, I welcome you. It's good to have you back again You were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest; family They'll be here later on. I need you here so badly As part of my big plan. There's so much that we have to do To help our mortal man. Then God gave me a list of things He wished for me to do. And foremost on that list of mine Is to watch and care for you. And I will be beside you Every day and week and year. And when you're sad, I'm standing there to wipe away the tears. And when you lie in bed at night The days chore put to flight God and I are closest to you In the middle of the night. " When you think of my life on earth And all those loving years, Because you're only human They're bound to bring you tears But do not be afraid to cry It does relieve the pain. Remember, there would be no flowers Unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you Of all that God has planned, But if I were to tell you, You would not understand. And to my many friends trust, God knows what it best.

I'm still not very far away from you I'm just beyond the crest. And now I am contented that my life, It was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along the way I made someone smile. When you're walking down the street And you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps Only half a step behind. And when you feel that gentle breeze Or the wind upon your face, That's me giving you a great big hug Or just a soft embrace. And when it's time for you to go From that body to be free, Remember, you're not going, You are coming here to me. And I will always love you from that land way up above. I'll be in touch again soon.

P.S. GOD SENDS HIS LOVE!

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Jessie Winston Davenport, Jr.** 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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