

Celebrating the Life of

Milton F. Gregory

Sunrise
June 5, 1963

Sunset
November 1, 2015



Saturday, November 7, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

Praise Temple Interdenominational Church of God

*1130 East St. Georges Avenue
Linden, New Jersey 07036*

Obituary

Milton Edward Gregory was born in East Orange, NJ on June 5, 1963 to Joe Louis Gregory, Sr. and Omeilia Gregory. He was raised on 20 Morse Avenue, East Orange. Milton was known for his big personality and his beautiful singing voice. In his early 20's, he fulfilled his goal to sing on the stage of the Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York –winning first place. Singing and working with his hands was what he loved to do. You could hear him singing even before you saw him. He spent many years working with his father sanding, finishing and installing wood floors. He could fix almost anything.

Over the years, Milton struggled with alcoholism. It was one of the biggest fights of his life. Gradually, he started to make some changes but the loss of his oldest son Tyler really broke his heart. It was something he said he'd never get over.

Milton could light up a room with his voice and laughter. He was that guy. He could easily turn a dull moment into a happy one. He was that guy. He could also go from zero to one hundred real quick. He was that guy. His quick wit and humorous personality would make you forget that you were even mad at him. He was just that guy.

On Sunday, November 1, 2015, he was called to eternal rest. His Son, Milton Tyler Gregory, preceded Milton in death. He leaves behind to cherish his memory: his Mother, Omelia Gregory; his Father, Joe Gregory, Sr.; his Sister, Loretta Bowe; his Brother, Joey; his Sister-in law, April Gregory; his two Children, LaToya Binford and Myles Gregory and Son-in-law, Michael Binford; his three Grandchildren, Ruqayyah, Rayhan and their Mother, Susej and another Granddaughter, Maleah; his Niece and Nephews, Justin Bowe, Brittany Bowe and Isaiah Gregory; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

“Dad, I can't believe you are gone. It's so surreal to me. I can still hear your laugh –I will miss your fun personality. You always had my back and you always knew how to make me smile no matter the circumstance. You've been a fighter all of your life and I know you put up a good fight, and although it hurts like hell, I know you're at peace and can rest. It's so hard to say goodbye but I know God only takes the best. I've gained two guardian angels: You and Tyler. You two are now together and I know that you're full of joy. I love you always and forever and I'll miss you more than you know. Until we meet again”Toya

Order of Celebration

Musical Prelude

Presiding Minister.....Assistant Pastor Pattie Roscoe

Processional

Musical Selection..... Praise Team, Praise Temple

Prayer of ComfortEvangelist Quanceletta Pittman

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection.....Faith Perkens

Expressions of Love & Remarks (2 minutes please)

Friends & Family

Acknowledgement/ObituaryEvangelist Terri Johnson

Musical Selection.....Faith Perkens

Eulogy..... Bishop Tony McNeill, Praise Temple

Benediction

Recessional

Interment
Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited for a repast at the church.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me
I took his hand I heard him call
Then turned, and bid farewell to all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found my peace... at close of play
And if my parting left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened... deep with sorrow
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full I've savored much
Good friends, good times
A loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with too much grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now... He set me free.

Pallbearers

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| •Curtis Smith | •Terrence Blalock |
| •Keith Crute | •James Puryear |
| •Queson Bowe | •Justin Bowe |

Acknowledgement

Omelia Gregory and the family of **Milton Gregory** wishes to express their most sincere appreciation for your thoughts of love, prayers and support.

