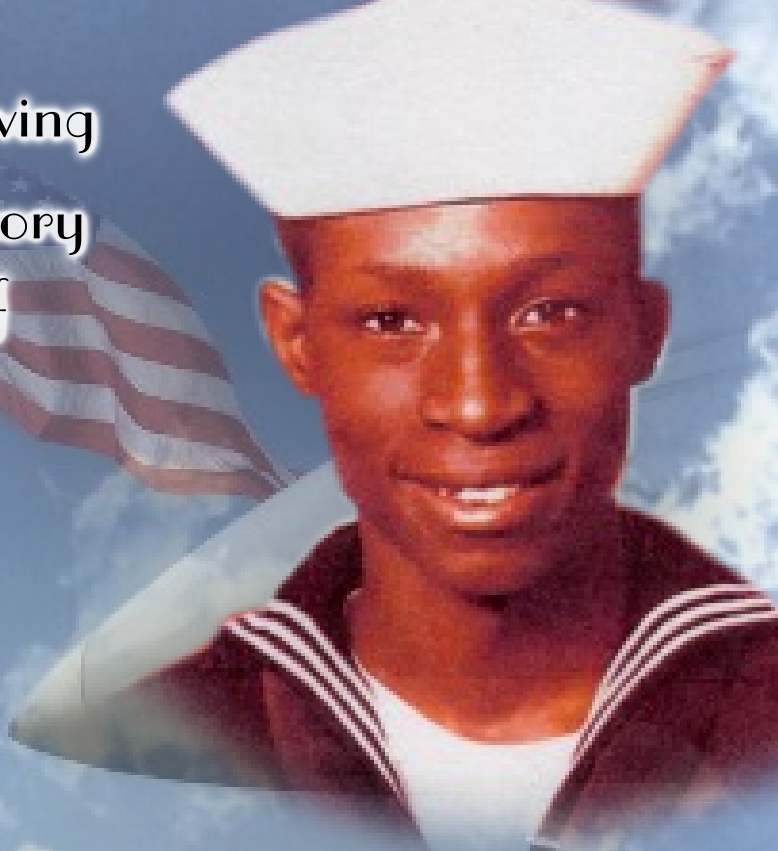


In Loving  
Memory  
of



Eric Alonzo Jakes

**Sunrise**

March 20, 1966

**Sunset**

November 21, 2015

*Wednesday, December 2, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

**Pastor Malachia Brantley, Jr. D. Min., Officiating**

# Obituary

**Eric Alonzo Jakes** was born March 20, 1966 to James and Helen Jakes in Newark, NJ. After a short illness, Eric passed away at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Eric was a long time resident of Newark, NJ. He graduated from Malcolm X Shabazz High School. He then went on to serve in the United States Navy. Upon his discharge, he signed with the United States Navy Reserve for several years.

Since a young age, Eric was very interested in martial arts. Eric's mother made sure he was enrolled in karate classes. Eric made sure to practice all his learned moves on his sister, Sharon. He was a big fan of Bruce Lee evidenced by his vast collections of movies and other memorabilia. Eric was a quiet, respectable and humble man who would always have a smile for you.

Eric is survived by his mother, Helen Jakes; sisters, Sharon and Shalonda; nephews, Caleb and Timothy (TJ); three great aunts, Doris House, Marjorie Barfield and Shirley Wilson; one great uncle, William Earl Barfield; five aunts, three uncles, his long time good friend, Debra Dixon; and a host of other loving relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Jakes.



# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament - Psalm 46:1-11  
New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy  
Pastor Malachia Brantley, Jr. D. Min.  
*Shiloh Baptist Church, Newark, NJ*

Recessional

**INTERMENT**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

*Repast for immediate family in Union, NJ.*

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his 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 or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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