

Celebrating The Life of

Ricky Alexander Best

Sunrise
August 20, 1951

Sunset
November 28, 2015



Friday, December 4, 2015 - 12:30 p.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Ricky Alexander Best was born on August 20, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Janet L. Best (Wright) and Alexander Harris.

His parents moved him and the family from Chicago to New Jersey in 1965. He attended schools in the Newark Public School System, eventually leaving to join the Peace Corps in Minnesota. He had various jobs in the paint industry over the years; however, one of his favorite jobs was working at Air Gas Company where he was a forklift Operator and enjoyed filling the balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving day parade every year. He was a loving father to both of his children. He took great pleasure in spending time with his son when he was a Cub Scout master for the Boy Scouts of America pack #405.

Ricky loved to sing and was the life of the party. He enjoyed his family, having get togethers and his favorite holiday was Christmas. Boxing was his favorite sport as well as football.

He is predeceased by his sister, Juanita H. Jackson and his sister-in-law, Denise Best.

Ricky leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Geneva Best; his children, Monique and David Best; his grandchildren, Natasha Ramirez, Marques and Amir Best; great granddaughter, Zoriah Ramirez; his sister, Bonnie Best; brothers, Terry Best and Gerald Smith (Esther) of Matteson, Illinois; sister-in-law, Roslyn Bryant; brothers-in-law, Kiel Hall and Robert Rouse; special friend, Gissell Marquez; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Myron Smith

Seating of the Family.....The Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort.....“Amazing Grace”

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell

Scripture Readings.....Roslyn Bryant
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Special Tribute (poem).....Tiffany Gibson

Acknowledgements.....Monique Best

Obituary.....Tiffany Gibson

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Lloyd P. Terrell
*Franklin St. Johns United Methodist Church
Newark, New Jersey*

Benediction

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment
*Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey*

Repast
*Immediately following the Interment family and
friends are invited for a repast at
L'affaire Fine Catering
1099 US Route 22 East
Mountainside, New Jersey*

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

-Mary Stevenson

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Ricky Alexander Best** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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