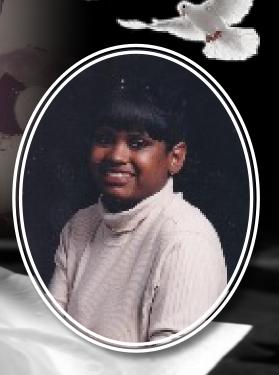


"Sam"

**Sunrise** December 2, 1972

Sunset
December 2, 2015



Wednesday, December 9, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Bishop Hilton Rawls, Officiating

### Order of Service

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Timothy 4:7

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Prayer	of	Comfort	
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Scripture Reading
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14

Reading of Obituary ...... Florene Hawks

Musical Selection ...... Hillary Gillings

Eulogy.....Bishop Hilton Rawls

Benediction

Recessional

Visitors will be received following the service at the home of Annie Walker 210 Rose Street. Newark. NJ.



A separate memorial service will be held in Statesboro, Georgia on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Craig's Funeral Home.

(Cassandra's final resting place will be next to her grandparents in Bullock Memorial Gardens, Stateboro, Georgia.)

## Obituary

**Cassandra Butler**, better known as Sam, was born at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1972. Sam was granted her angel wings on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 following a lengthy illness.

Cassandra graduated from Weequahic High School in 1990. She loved animals, especially her cats, Missy and Tuff and had ambitions of becoming a Veterinarian. Sam liked shopping, stuffed animals, expensive jewelry and clothes. She also enjoyed fishing with her grandmother in Georgia.

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Sam endured many surgeries throughout her lifetime, however the last operation to remove a tumor from her brain became problematic and she had a stroke that changed her life. Whether visiting Sam in the hospital or nursing homes, there was something very sweet and angelic about her, and when her illness progressed and she could no longer communicate through her voice, she did so with her eyes.

Sam's life would seem short to many and we often say that a mother is not suppose to bury her child, but those who were touched by Sam understood the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives.

Sam had a smile that could melt the hearts of those who knew her. Once you became her friend, you were a friend forever. With her passing, we remind others that her life is to be celebrated.

Continue to watch over mommy Sam, although life will be difficult without you, we are comforted in knowing you will be with us in our hearts.

Sam leaves to cherish her memories: her devoted mother, Annie Walker; father, Leonard Epps Butler; grandmother, Florence Haygood; uncles Henry Walker (Lori), William Walker (Deborah), James Walker; aunts, Gloria Hagen and Brenda Walker; brothers, Leonard Butler and Ronald Butler; sisters, Cheri Butler, Florene Hawks (Steven) and Saniyn Butler; Honorary godparents, Kamal Joshi and Patricia Lawrence; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and other relatives.



## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author David M. Romano

I Love You Sam, From Mommy

# *H*cknowledgement

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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