

In Loving Memory of

Joseph S. Ballard

Sunrise  
May 22, 1962

Sunset  
May 15, 2016

Service

Thursday, May 19, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey

# Obituary

**Joseph Steven Ballard** died Sunday, May 15, 2016. Joseph was the fourth son of the late Ishmeal and Inez Ballard. Joseph was preceded in death by his sister, Madeline Ruth Ballard and two brothers, Bruce Ballard and Michael David Ballard. Joseph was born May 22, 1962 in Newark, New Jersey.

Joseph was educated in the New Jersey Public School system, where he received his high school diploma from Shabazz High School in Newark. Joseph worked as a construction worker for the Newark Housing Authority, he also worked for the Newark Humane Society for several years. Joseph loved playing basketball with his friends and was affectionately known as the Rock.

Joseph was a loving brother to his surviving siblings. He was well liked by all who knew him. He never spoke a unkind word, and was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. He had a mild demeanor, a wonderful smile and a laugh that will be surely missed.

Joseph leaves the following loved ones to cherish his memory: his sisters, Edyth Knox, Marion Eva Adophy, Shirley Henderson, Sharon Garrison, Malvina Sears, Patricia Marie Ballard and Carole Diane Natson. He also leaves two brothers, Ishmel Ballard and Paul John Ballard. In addition, brothers-in-law, Walker Knox, Michael Adolphy, Raymond Garrison, Kevin Sears, William Natson and sister-in-law, Jeanne Ballard; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close family and friends.

# Order of Service

Visitation

Prayer of Comfort  
*William Natson*

Scripture Readings  
*William Natson*

Reading of Obituary  
*William Natson*

Song (55)  
*"Life Without End At Last"*

## **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

## **Repast**

*18 Elizabeth Avenue  
Newark, NJ  
(Across from Exxon Station)*

## Asleep

I've closed my eyes  
and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.  
I've endured pain  
and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life  
for you must go on,  
You must not worry  
because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me,  
"get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're  
shedding soon will cease.

-Author unknown

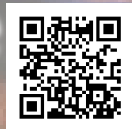
## Acknowledgement

While it is always difficult to lose a loved one, we are comforted by the outpouring of love shown to us. The Ballard Family wants to thank all for their loving support during this time of sorrow.

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