## Celebration of Life for

# Ronald Nealy

Sunrise August 31, 1956 Sunset July 7, 2016



Thursday, July 14, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

163 Autumn Street

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. W. Louis McDowell, Officiating

Dr. Mark Exum, Organist





**Ronald Nealy** was born on August 31, 1956 in Passaic, NJ, to Reginald and Yvonne Nealy. He departed this life on July 7, 2016 at The Chilton Medical Center in Pompton Plains, NJ.

Ronnie, as he was affectionately called, grew up in Passaic, NJ and attended the Passaic Public School system. Ronnie graduated from Passaic High School where he excelled academically, and has always had a yearning for knowledge. He also attended Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ.

Ronnie moved to Paterson, NJ several years ago, obtained his Commercial Drivers License, and was

formerly employed by FDR Services Corp. of Paterson, NJ as a Truck Driver, before taking ill.

Ronnie was an avid music lover and he also had a passion for nice cars, but his true love was Jazz. In his earlier years, he enjoyed going to Saratoga Music Festivals in NY and would annually attend the Jacob Javits Center Car and Boat shows, willing to take anyone who wanted to go. Ronnie was also a current events enthusiast. He would read the newspaper everyday and always knew what was going on in the world, both near and far. He also like to joke with you and was always up for a good debate; some he won and others you just had to let him win.

Ronnie is predeceased by his father, Reginald Nealy; two brothers Gregory Nealy and David Nealy; and is maternal and paternal grandparents.

He leaves behind to mourn, his two sons; Sharif Nealy and Orien Nealy, and one daughter; Sherie Nealy, as well as their mother; Lisa Logan, all of Garfield, NJ. His two sisters-in-law; Michelle Nealy of Willingboro, NJ, and Iris Soler, of Philadelphia, NJ. His two nieces, Mo-Nique Nealy and Myesha Nealy, and two nephews; Tyrik Nealy and Kyle Nealy. Ronnie also played an important role as a father-figure to Aliha Dance of Georgia. His uncle, Arthur Smith and aunts, May Etta Dean; Gladys Giles, Marie Hendley, and Mary Lou Hansford. Ronnie was especially close to his cousins; Pamela (Pam) Johnson, Wanda Johnson-Leake, and Sharon and Robert Harrison. He also had a host of cousins and friends, that will cherish his memories forever.

## Order of Service Organ Prelude ...... Dr. Mark Exum Opening Hymn ...... "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" Page No. 248 Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - John 14:1-6 **Prayer of Comfort** Words of Comfort ..... Sharif Nealy Poem "New Name In Glory" Selection ..... Rev. W. Louis McDowell Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life......Wanda Johnson-Leake Orien Nealy Selection..... Eulogy ......Rev. W. Louis McDowell, Pastor Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ .....The Family Recessional Interment East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey

#### **Pall Bearers**

Sharif Nealy, Terence Hansford, Troy Hansford, Thomas King, Mark Giles, Robert Harrison



# The Chain Will Link Again

Little did we know that morning. God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories. your love is still our guide. And although we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

-Author unknown

### Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Ronald Nealy** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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