

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Dwaine Cook**

*Sunrise*  
**January 27, 1952**

*Sunset*  
**August 19, 2016**



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*Thursday, September 1, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**MESSIAH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
13-17 Oak Street  
East Orange, New Jersey 07018  
*Rev. Mark Carter Pierce, Officiating*  
*Nathaniel Lewis, Organist*

## Obituary

**Dwaine Cook**, (Cookie Monster, Cook,) 64 of East Orange, New Jersey was born on January 27, 1952 in Orange, NJ. Dwaine son of Eleanor Cook Tilley (deceased) and step father, Leonard Tilley, has gone home. He passed away on August 19, 2016 after a battle of respiratory disease and heart disease.

Dwaine graduated from East Orange High School in 1971 and lived on Halsted Street until he moved to Newark. True to sports, he was an avid basketball player and played in leagues at Elmwood Park, Orange Park and the Orange YMCA for a few years. As the only child, Dwaine had many close friends, Allen Valentine, Reggie Wilkes, Brad Buchanan, Dexter Lucette, Darryl Gregory, Barry Ellington, Hasan Greg Ali James and Donnie Buchanan (deceased) aka "The God Fathers".

Dwaine was known for his smile, singing and witty ways who also liked to dance and clown around which he maintained throughout his life. During these years, he worked for Butler Aviation through Newark International Airport for four years. He also worked for the City of Newark Park and Recreation Department while his uncle, Mayor Kenneth Gibson, presided as the Mayor. He moved to Rochester, NY in 1996, where he relocated to make a positive change in his life, yet due to the cold weather suffered with respiratory issues.

Dwaine is survived by: his aunt, Alberta (Aunt Bert) and Aunt Dorothy (Aunt Dot) both of Pasadena, CA; step father, Leonard Tilley; his step sister, Lyndell Tilley of Irvington, NJ; cousins more like sisters, Gloria (West) Durham of Roselle, NJ and Deborah (West) Jones of Altadena, CA; two daughters, Sherron Dina Marie Finney (mother) Audrey Finney of East Orange and Melanie Malone (mother) Glenda Malone of Newark; two grandchildren, Jordan Harris (eight years old) and Rami Malone (one years old); and many cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

*Processional.....Soft Music*  
*Prelude.....Soft Music*  
*Solo.....Arnitra Lee*  
*Scripture Reading.....Maria Bryant Armwood*  
*Prayer.....Rev. Mark Carter Pierce*  
*Solo.....Glenda Malone*  
*Obituary.....Syreeta Durham*  
*Remarks/Acknowledgements.....Kenneth A. Williams*  
*Eulogy.....Rev. Mark Carter Pierce*  
*Recessional*

## ***Pall Bearers***

*Allen Valentine*  
*Dexter Lucette*

*Reggie Wilkes*  
*Barry Ellington*

### **Interment**

*Rosedale Cemetery*  
*Montclair, New Jersey*

## *To Those I Love*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all kindness shown to them in this time of sorrow and all prayers of comfort. May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.*

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