

A photograph of a man wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, a dark cap, and glasses, standing on a wooden staircase. The staircase has a curved wooden railing with decorative balusters. The background is a bright, cloudy sky. The man is looking towards the camera.

In Loving Memory of
Leon Hester

Sunrise: January 14, 1973 - Sunset: October 18, 2016

Service:

Sunday, October 23, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Walt Sorey, Organist

Obituary

Leon Hester was born in Newark, New Jersey on January 14, 1973 to Barbara Ann Hester and the late Leroy Sutton.

Leon was a scholar of the Newark Board of Education School system where he obtained his high school diploma. He was an employee at the Newark Housing Authority for the past ten years, where he was given the nickname “Boots”

Leon had an undying love for rap music where he recorded his own music with a host of many friends in the neighborhood, Stuyvesant and 18th Avenue.

Leon also known as Lana to many will be remembered as a kind, hardworking, loving son, father, brother, uncle and cousin.

Leon is survived by his mother, Barbara Hester; his son, Akeem Ford; daughters, Alexis Drayton and Nyana Drayton; his children’s mothers, Tamika Ford and Durriyyah Drayton; two brothers, Lionel and Brian Hester; his four sisters, Al-misa Chelsea, Tawanna and Kadijah Hester; favorite nephew, Sharod Hester; niece, Shonda Hester; his best friend, Ibn Jackson; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy
Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

He Will Call

Life, like a mist, appears for just a day,
Then disappears tomorrow,
All that we are can quickly fade away
Replaced with tears and sorrow,
If a man should die, can he live again
Hear the promise God has made
Friends of our God
Though they pass away
Will never be forsaken
All those asleep who in
God's memory stay
From death he will awaken
Then we'll come to see all that
Life can be Paradise eternally.

Job 14:13-15

O that thou wouldest hide me in the
grave, that thou wouldest keep me
secret, until thy wrath be past, that
thou wouldest appoint me a set
time, and remember me! If a man
die, shall he live again? all the days
of my appointed time will I wait,
till my change come. Thou shalt
call, and I will answer thee: thou
wilt have a desire to the work of
thine hands.

Acknowledgement

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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