

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HANIF ALTARIQ EVANS

Born: August 25, 1985 - Flew Home: October 21, 2016



Family Greeting

11:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Memorial Service

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

224 W. Kinney Street

Newark, NJ 07103

REV. DR. PERRY SIMMONS, JR. - Officiating

Obituary

Hanif Altariq Evans, lovingly known as “Poop”, “Big Man” and “Neef”, was born on August 25, 1985, to Shaheed Shakoor (Deceased) and Ginger Evans Coffee-Ferrell, and was granted his wings on October 21, 2016.

Hanif was educated in the East Orange, NJ school system. He was always a bright child, and wise far beyond his years.

Hanif was a kind, thoughtful, loving, smart, profound, funny, generous and amazing son, brother, cousin and friend, who had a deep love and compassion for people. He wanted to dedicate his life to helping others as a profession. As a matter fact, most of his life, he practiced that dedication without a degree. He could often be found counseling and being a confidante. But the role he took very serious, was protector. Especially of his mom and sisters. He was a mentor and protector to his younger cousins, friends and neighbors. He even took on the role of a “Manny” (a male nanny), he was always babysitting the children and did it with joy! He had a special love for children. He loved them and they certainly love him. He appreciated their innocence, intelligence and sense of humor, evidenced by the many pictures and videos of his niece, little cousins and children of friends. His smile could warm and light up a room, and his hardy laugh was infectious and could melt the hearts of those who were around him, always the life of the party. He found humor in most things, and loved sharing the humor, but he also kept it real, 100! Everybody knows, Hanif loved, practically worshiped, the Denver Broncos! Everything orange, blue and white, he was die-hard about them!

Despite many challenges, Hanif never complained and he never ever gave up. He possessed strength, perseverance, and an ability to overcome incredible odds. He always managed to smile through it all, not matter what fear, anxiety or doubt he may have felt on the inside. He wanted everyone to be sure that things would work out. He gave us all courage and hope and reminded us of how precious life is.

Hanif’s life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him, know that the quality of his life far exceeds the amount of time we had him in ours. We remind others that his life is one to be celebrated. And although we will miss him everyday, especially his winning smile, his warmth, his energy, his love for life, family and friends, he will forever remain in our hearts.

Hanif would like to let you know that his work here is done. He received a call that he couldn’t refuse, for an appointment from which he will not be returning. But this appointment, comes with a huge bonus, a reunion with family and friends he hasn’t seen in a long time. His new mission takes him to a wonderful place where he will be counseling, advising, socializing, dancing and watching the Broncos to his heart’s content. Music, laughter and love are guaranteed.

Hanif is survived by his parents, Ginger Evans Coffee-Ferrell (mother) and Joe Ferrell (step-father), Hakim Coffee (step-father); sisters; Najiyah Shakoor, Sakinah (Evans) Gatson, Nafisah Evans, Aliyah Coffee and Taliyah Coffee; brother in-laws; Bobby “Boob” Gatson, Jr. and Tyrone Scudder; nieces; Saade Shakoor and Ma’Kylah Scudder; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

POEM FROM FAMILY

by Unknown

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,

Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!



Acknowledgement

The family of **Hanif Altariq Evans** wishes to express their sincere thanks to the many friends who were thoughtful and kind during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to Eric Dooley, Leanna Dooley, James McMann and Lou James.

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