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IN LOVING MEMORY AND CELEBRATION

OF

RETIRED NEWARK POLICE LIEUTENANT

&

DIRECTOR OF NEWARK OEM & HOMELAND SECURITY

*Keith
Isaac*



Sunrise: August 30, 1962



Sunset: October 23, 2016

The Obituary



Keith was one of four children born to Robert Baker and Nellie Isaac in Soperton, Georgia. **Keith and his twin brother, Kendrick were born on August 30, 1962.**

Keith's parents decided to move the family North and settle roots in Newark, New Jersey in 1967. Because of her strong faith in God, she taught her children of God's love and grace and became members of White Rock Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey.

Keith attended the Newark Public School System; Madison Avenue Elementary, 7th Avenue Junior High and graduated from West Side High School, voted "**Most Popular**" of his High School Class in 1980.

Upon graduation, **Keith** decided to enter into the United States Airforce where he served four years in the area of Fighter Aircraft Maintenance and learned to fly helicopters. Keith achieved the rank of Sergeant and was Honorably Discharged

in 1984.

Once **Keith** decided to return home to Newark, New Jersey, his desire was to continue to serve the public. In doing so, he prepared to take the Civil Service Examination for Police Officer. Because of his hard work and dedication, **Keith** was accepted into the Newark Police Academy.

Keith furthered his education and career by attending Teteboro School of Aeronautics, Pegasus Flight Training, City of Newark Police Academy, Bernstein Supervisory Development & Education Training, The Delbagnio-Career Development Promotional Preparation, Federal Bureau of Investigations (F.B.I.)-Command Leadership Training.

In 1988, **Keith** first served as a Patrol Officer and assigned to the West District Precinct Command for three years. In that time, he was detailed to the North District; assigned to the Newark/Essex County Sheriff Action Group, detailed to the Newark District School and served as the school's liaison.

Keith quickly rose through the ranks. In 1991, he obtained Detective status and was detailed to the Essex/Union County Auto Theft Task Force with his colleagues who became his **life-long friends, Retired Prudential Global Security Manager, Anthony "Tony" Mullarkey, and Retired NJSP Colonel Jerome Hatfield**, where he received wide acclaim for his hard work as a founding member of the Auto Theft Task Force. **Keith** designed the blocking technique to apprehend suspects which alleviated the need for high speed pursuits. His unit was recognized with the formation of a television show entitled "**JACKED**". Additionally, **Keith** was detailed to the Youth Violence Task Force (VTF) and the Newark Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF).



In 2002, **Keith** was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant and was detailed to Safe City Task Force (NEST PAC), Vailsburg Task Force, 517 Initiative, and Criminal Gang & Narcotic Enforcement Unit. Keith was an outstanding officer and his dedication was often recognized by **Mayor Sharpe James** and his Administration.

In 2006, **Keith** was promoted to Police Lieutenant and was assigned to head the Criminal Gang and Narcotic Enforcement Unit. He worked diligently to safeguard the streets and rid them of crime.

In 2006, the newly elected Mayor for the City of Newark, Cory A. Booker saw **Keith's** drive, ambition and dedication that he possessed. Mayor Booker immediately appointed **Keith** as the Director of the Newark Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Keith was the **first** Director of the combined Emergency Management and Homeland Security offices for the City of Newark which was formerly under the Fire and Police Departments. **Keith** developed a state of the art Emergency Operations Center which he personally designed to withstand hurricane force winds, coupled with a Fusion Intelligence Node Center.

Keith operated the first Incident Command and Emergency Operation Center in combined virtual integration training. He developed an All-Hazards Training Initiative encompassing a bottom-up approach to COOP and COGs whereby utilizing the management system as the core. The operational capacity of the Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) within the city's departments through incident command training and departmental command centered integrations were enhanced by **Keith**. In addition, through public and private partnership a solid fiber optic ring enhancing the city's Information Technology Infrastructure was developed and implemented. The security of the water sector infrastructure was also enhanced through targeted training and exercise in which **Keith** coordinated.

Under **Keith's** leadership, one of the most advanced Mobile Emergency Operations Command Centers for executive level devolution was developed. **Keith** not only masterminded the design and layout for the city's top-notch Emergency Operation Center (EOC), but he also designed the city's first OEM Mobile EOC. The EOC and the Mobile EOC were contrived from **Keith's** many travels across the country to visit numerous state-of-the-art Mobile Command Centers and EOC Facilities. Also, **Keith** formed the first executive level legislative policy group that included public and private stakeholders on the local, county and state levels. **Keith** first introduced the City of Newark to the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) via the EOC Operations and Planning for All-Hazards and Jurisdictional Crisis Emergency Management (TEEX) training courses. Also, during the appointment of Interim Mayor Luis Quintana he knew of **Keith's** ability in safeguarding Newark through his great works in OEM and he too reappointed Keith to serve as Director. Mayor Quintana knew that the citizens were in the hands of the most qualified individual.

He arranged for more than two hundred (200) local and private partners to attend Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas for training where the policy group first introduced, through federal grant funding. This is where he met his dear friends **Mark Anderson, Tony Crites and Bill Long**.

Keith, also managed and mitigated the effect of hurricanes that impacted the city, most notably Super Storm Sandy. **Keith** worked tirelessly around the clock, non-stop, with our private partners, local officials and city responders, such as, PSE&G, Newark Public Schools, the American Red Cross, Newark Health Department, Neighborhood Services, our Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and faith based organizations. **Keith** especially worked a-long-side Reverend Joe Carter and his staff from New Hope Baptist Church to assist the residents in Newark in ensuring self-sustainment throughout the storms. **Keith** and Reverend Carter collected, housed and issued commodities to families in need. **Keith's** entire goal was to ensure that the City of Newark's residents were safe from harm during both Hurricane Irene and Super Storm Sandy. To achieve this goal, **Keith** worked closely with Federal partners and members of FEMA and the White House directly.



During **Keith's** appointment as Director, former Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Jane Holl Lute who was appointed by President Barak Obama requested to fly in to Newark and meet with **Keith**, one-on-one to discuss his state-of-the-art Emergency Operation Center and the robust Emergency Management System which was set in place under his direction in order that she could present the same model and system to President Obama. **Secretary Lute was "astonished" by Keith's prowess and passion for OEM!**

Keith would too meet regularly with Ed Dickson, Former Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to discuss issues facing our Tier II Cities, Newark and Sister City; Jersey City. Dickson was doubly impressed by **Keith's** knowledge and would call upon **Keith** for his expertise.

Keith loved his family very much and had a close bond with his mother and his siblings. Especially, his twin brother Kendrick...they were inseparable!!!!

His mother was his pride and joy along with his children. There was nothing that he would not do for his children. He would lecture them of right and wrong but after all was said and done; he always gave and gave and gave selflessly right up until the end.

Keith and his younger brother Jeffrey shared a special bond and love that was unique. He was extremely proud of Jeffrey knowing that he wanted to follow in his twin brothers' footsteps in becoming a Newark Police Officer.

Keith could not praise his son Sharif enough for his unconditional love and support especially during this difficult time. Sharif never left his father's bedside, a true testament to his love and devotion.

Keith held dear his "confidant," Renee Knight. She too was by his side every step of the way. Renee did not only serve as his assistant but she was a dear friend that would always advise him when others did not agree. She always spoke to him the mere words, "stay professional at all times because God is going to judge **YOU** on what you do to others not what they do to you." He learned that well, especially in the face of adversity and would continue to greet everyone with a smile and a handshake. When all counted **Keith** out, Renee never did, she stayed loyal and trustworthy to the end. She was a big sister to him. **Keith** affectionately called her "The Boss".

Keith always fondly mentioned his colleague and valued friend Tanya Fraser who worked with him side by side. She with MMRS and **Keith** with OEM & Homeland Security. They both shared a common passion and love for emergency management. He always praised her of her ability and knowledge in Public Health, to commandeer meetings, trainings, exercises, response to emergencies and management of the administrative reimbursement side of the grants, flawlessly. **Keith** would affectionately call her a "beast" for her skill sets and vast expertise which she possessed and shared with him. For many years collectively they worked to ensure the City of Newark never lost any funding. Tanya was a colleague and dear friend to **Keith** that always had his back, no matter what.

Keith appreciated his friendship with Andrea Lewis-Walker for all of her support and most especially for mentoring his niece Da'Charey who has now become a teacher and mentor to other young children.

Additionally, **Keith** could always count on Stacey Spooner of Red Cross for her hard work and continuous support throughout all the OEM initiatives and emergencies. Stacey always came through on behalf of Red Cross for the citizens of Newark.

Keith was pleased to meet the newly appointed OEM Director Dorian Herrell whom they came to share the same views in protecting the city. They became friends in their mutual vision. **Keith** wished him well and offered him any assistance that he may need to carry on the legacy of OEM.

Besides his passion for serving the City of Newark, **Keith** loved the sport and discipline of Martial Arts and Scuba Diving. He along with his twin brother became students of the Shakil's School of Martial Arts, Bloomfield, NJ at the age of twelve years old. **Keith** achieved the level of Black Belt in Martial Arts. **Keith** in addition was an avid Scuba Diver and member of the Newark Dive Club - Urban Network Dive Education Resource Center (UNDER-C) where he was instructed by his dear friend Retired Fire Captain Kramer Wimberley.

Additionally, **Keith** was a member of the International Youth Organization (IYO) with the late James and Carolyn Wallace who were the founders. This was a place for youth in the neighborhood where children would come to learn, play and socialize with their peers and were taught to become productive men in society. **Keith** was an

ardent runner. He and Kendrick enjoyed meeting the guys at Weequahic Park in the early mornings. **Keith** was a health fanatic and always shared with others on nutrition for maintaining good health...he also loved to eat well and always included those around him.

Keith made his transition quietly and peacefully early Sunday morning, on October 23, 2016 with his mom, brothers; Kendrick, Jeffrey, and his son Sharif at his bedside.

Keith was preceded in death by his Brother; Chris Baker, Aunts; Louise Martin, Ora Bell, Odessa Martin, Uncles; Ecleamus, William.

Keith leaves to cherish his loving memory; his Mother Nellie Isaac, Father; Robert Baker, Twin brother; Kendrick Isaac, Brothers; Jeffrey Isaac, Brady Baker (Yolanda), Billy Cleveland, Kirkland Marion (Shantell). Sisters; Tracy Isaac-Hudson (Gary), Beverly Marshal, Charlotte Habershan (Vince), Angela Baker, Tangela Strickland (Orlander).

His children; Yakidah Medina, Quadir Isaac, Sharif Isaac, Ahneesah Isaac, Shawn. Kiana Isaac, Kalah Isaac, Kira Isaac, Karissa Isaac and their mother, Roxanne.

His Grandchildren; Sakiylah, Samar, Mason, Alani, Sacred, Quame, Jahsir, Makai, Asa, Elai, and expecting Quadir-Keith.

His Aunts and Uncles; Elouise, Margaret, Nadine, Loretha, Drucilla, Curtis Isaac, Nathaniel Isaac.

His Nieces and Nephews; Mark (Patricia), Shonda (Clayton), Jeffrey, Christopher, Naomi, Nyre, Marcello, Noel, Marco, Arielle, Taylor, Carter, Kashon, Quashon and "FAVORITE NIECE" Da'Cheray (Isaac) Thomas.

His Cousins, Ecleamus "June" Martin and Quentin.

*Many members of the Newark Police Department, Members and Friends of the City of Newark; our beloved **Keith** wanted you all to know that he enjoyed working with each of you. He asked that we mentioned a **few** of you on his behalf.*

Hon. Sharpe James, Hon. Congressman Donald Payne, Jr., Hon. Cory Booker, Hon. Luis Quintana, Hon. Mildred Crump, Hon. Carlos Gonzalez, Retired Lt. Anthony Mullarkey, Classmate, NJSP Jerome Hatfield, D/C Kevin Schneider, Former Police Director Eugene Venable, Retired D/C Joseph Tutela, Lt. Joseph Pastore, Lt. Gary Vickers, Doreen Fletcher, Delphine Brown, Retired Lt. Chris Ferris, Renee Knight, Retired Battalion Chief Charles Bishop, Kenny Watkins, Chris Darby, Tanya Fraser, Robert Thomas, Retired Sgt. Denise Brown, Susan Brown, Digna Lopez, Edwinia Carter, Jerusha Schulze, Retired Detective Richie Williams, Tony Bennett, Cheryl Coxson, David Lippman, Latonya Williams-Joyner, Linda Wilkins, Pamela Joseph, Damaris Quinones-Gray, Arvelise Gonzalez-Murrel, Detective Keith Hopkins, Retired Lt. David Letts, Retired Detective Roy Wheeler-Weaver, Lt. Richard Casale, Retired Det. Vanessa Davis, Stacey Spooner from Red Cross, Essex County OEM, Aida Colon-Sanchez, Alicia Munoz, Retired Fire Captain Kramer Wimberley, Fire Captain & OEM Director, Dorian Herrell, Former Councilwoman & West Side High School Alumni Bessie Walker, Andrea Lewis-Walker, Deputy in Charge, United States District Court, Iris Rivera, Eric Bryant, F/F Dwayne Bryant, F/F Derek Hunter, Brian Harris, Fire Captain James Lyones, Molly Etwaroo, Arthur Turner, Sherronda Carroll, Robert Woodard, Lorraine Groce and Carmen Assraui.

His OEM Family; Tharien (Karim) Arnold, Tanya Fraser, Renee Knight, Peter Pinckney and Bill Bishop.

**Sorrowfully submitted by,
The Isaac Family**

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

106 Sussex Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Joe A. Carter, Pastor

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL *The Family*

SOLO.....*Vanessa Davis*
Retired Newark Police Detective

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT*Richard Clark*

NEW TESTAMENT.....*Gabriel Clark*

MUSICAL SELECTION

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....*Reverend Tyrone Singletary*
Newark Police Division

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....*Da'Cheray (Isaac) Thomas (Niece)*

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READING OF OBITUARY

REMARKS*Limited 2 Minutes (Please)*

Hon. Donald M. Payne, Jr., U.S. Congressman

Andrea Lewis-Walker, Deputy in Charge, United States (Federal) District Court

Hon. Sharpe James, Former Mayor, City of Newark

Dorian Herrell, Director/Coordinator, Newark Office of Emergency Management

W. Greg Kierce, Director/Coordinator, Jersey City Office of Emergency Management

Hon. Cory A. Booker, U.S. Senator, New Jersey

Hon. Luis A. Quintana, Councilman-at-Large

Hon. Julien X. Neals, Former Presiding Judge

Hon. Mildred C. Crump, Council President, City of Newark

Hon. Bessie Walker, Former Councilwoman & WS High School Alumni

Jerome Hatfield, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region II

*Anthony “Tony” Mullarkey, Retired Lt. ECPO/ Retired Global Security Manager,
Prudential*

Dr. Michael Schumer, President, NJIT

Mark Anderson, CEO, Anderson Independence Consulting, LLC

Tony Crites, Program Director, TEEEX, Texas

Bill Long, TEEEX, Texas

Tanya Fraser, DPP, on behalf of the Newark Office of Emergency Management

Member(s) of the Isaac Family:

Ecleamus Martin (Cousin)

PRAISE DANCE*Da’Cheray (Isaac) Thomas*

EULOGY*Reverend Timothy Burgess, Pastor
White Rock Baptist Church*

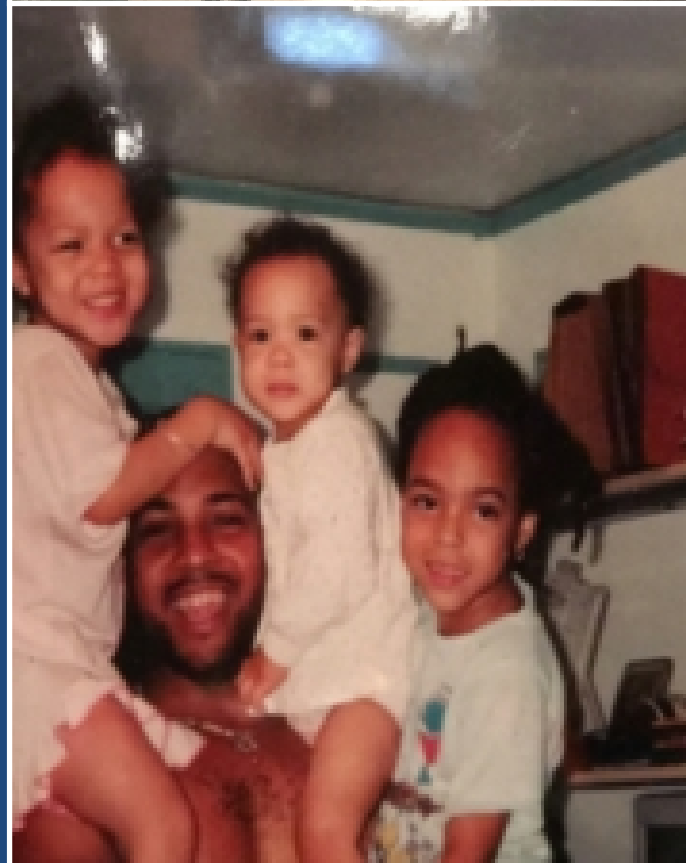
CLOSING *Reverend Timothy Burgess, Pastor*

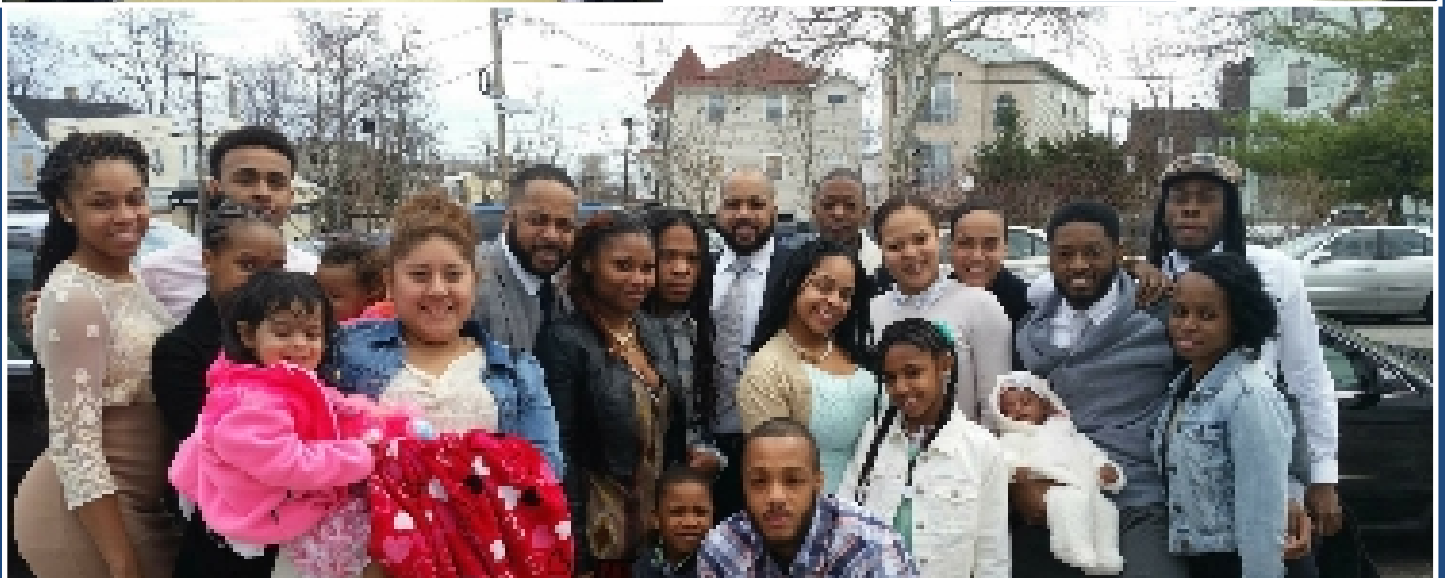
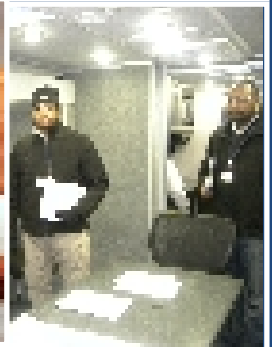
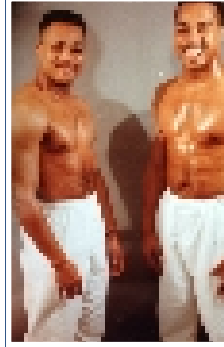
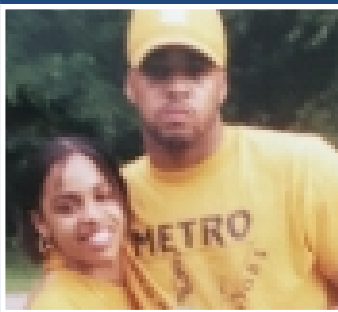
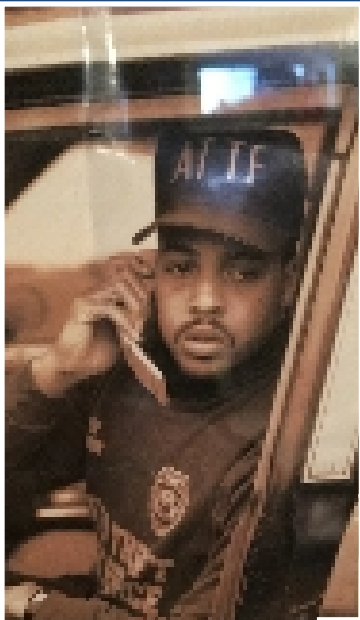
MUSICAL SELECTION*The Silver Stars
“It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye”*

RECESSIONAL *Newark Police Division Honor Guard*

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery and Crematory
1137 North Broad Street
Hillside, New Jersey





If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you -
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.

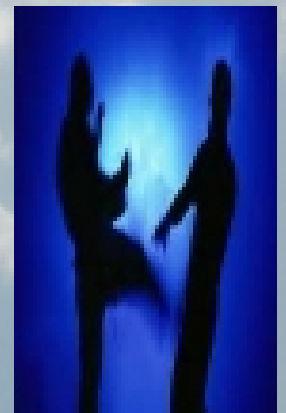
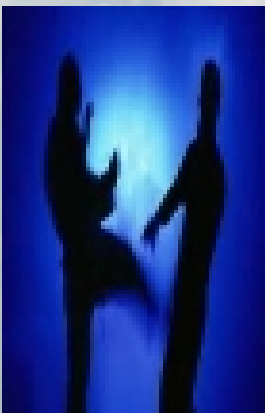
Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today~
A hallowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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Hon. Cory A. Booker, U.S. Senator – New Jersey
Hon. Julien X. Neals, Former Presiding Judge
Jerome Hatfield, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region II
W. Greg Kierce, Director/Coordinator Jersey City OEM

PALLBEARERS

Sharif Isaac
Mark Isaac
Kashon Handford
Quashon Handford
Louis McDougle
Steve Rivers
Tony Bennett
Christopher Hudson



HE'S MY BROTHER...HE AIN'T HEAVY!!!

I LOVE YOU ALWAYS,

KENDRICK



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind acts and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you all for your thoughtfulness, love and concern for our loved one KEITH.

A Very Special Thanks To:

His Devoted, Loyal, "Confidant", Friend and Executive Assistant, Renee Knight

The Staff of: Clara Mass Hospital, Newark, New Jersey

The Staff of: University Hospital, Newark, New Jersey

The Staff of: Hackensack Medical Center

The Staff of: Newark Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, New Jersey

Carolyn Whigham and Staff

Colin M. Page, Esq.

Tosheia N. Ballard, Esq.

King's Family Restaurant, Newark, New Jersey

Vonda's Cuisine, Newark, New Jersey

Spanish Tavern Restaurant, Newark, New Jersey



Following the Interment, the family would like to invite everyone to re-join them at New Hope Baptist Church, for the repast and fellowship.



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