

In Loving Memory of



Anthony Angelo Lilly

Sunrise: November 27, 1958

Sunset: February 27, 2017

Service

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

We all know someone who departed this world way too soon for us to realize and appreciate the full impact they had on our lives. **Anthony Angelo Lilly**, aka "**Tony**", aka "**Moe Top**", and aka "**Uncle Tony**", was such a man. Born to Aretha and Robert Lilly on November 27, 1958, he was the youngest of five children and he was spoiled rotten.

Tony had a love and finesse in basketball. Often the youngest on the team, he had undeniable talent. He played at Stone Gym and The Riverside Church and traveled to compete in tournaments in Chicago and Puerto Rico. He attended Brandeis High School and it is there that he met and fell in love with Sharmaine Bratcher. From this union Angelo Bratcher, an amazing young man and Tony's only child, was born. During his adult years, Tony worked in construction and asbestos removal and as a maintenance supervisor at Beekman Hospital.

Tony was a people person who rarely missed a chance to lend a helping hand and put a smile on your face. He was that person who would walk you upstairs, carry groceries, help you get out of a parking spot, and make sure that you arrived home safely. He was also that person you called on if you had a problem that you needed handled. In Grant Projects, everyone knew and loved Tony Lilly because he was genuine. He was a sharp dresser and even more of a sharp thinker. His witty and wise sayings: "Think wise and travel safe," or "You can always deal with a snake when you know where the head is" are words that we will always remember. The way he looked out and had your back will be missed. Tony's loyalty and love will never be forgotten. When saying goodbye he always gave a heartfelt farewell "Love You More." Those words were the substance of his heart because he really did "love you more."

On Monday, February 27th, Tony made his way to his comfort zone, his mother's house where a few hours later a friend found him face down in the Bible. One must think in his final moments he wanted to make peace with God and be close to his mother. If he could speak to his loved ones left behind, his incredibly strong mother, Aretha, his main man and son, Angelo, his forever by his side big sister, Linda Jackson, his loving spouse, Sharmaine, his ride or die big brother, Robert Lilly, his "roll dog" cousin, Arlene Bowland, his aunts, Gloria Perry, Mary Lilly and Dorothy Lilly, and uncles, Angelo Layton and Clifford Layton, his nieces and nephews, his brother-in-law, Reginald Jackson, his sisters-in-law, Debra Lilly and Luverne Lilly, his cousins, his grand nieces and nephews each and every person meaning so much to him he would say, "All I ask of you is to remember me as loving you."

Tony is preceded in death by his father, Robert Lilly, Sr., his brothers, Michael Lilly and Gerald Lilly.

The family is establishing a scholarship fund in remembrance of The Lilly men - Robert Sr, Jerry, Michael and Tony to carry on their legacy and build up a young man in Grant Houses.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

Miss Me but Let Me Go

Author Unknown



*When I come to the end of the day,
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.*

Why cry for a soul set free?

*Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.*

Remember the love we once shared---

Miss me, but let me go.

*For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the makers plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.*

*And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds-
Miss me, but let me go.*

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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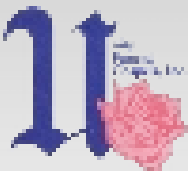
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