

*A Service of Celebration for the Life  
Of*



*Kevin Shaw, Sr.*

*Sunrise  
January 28, 1959*

*Sunset  
March 6, 2017*

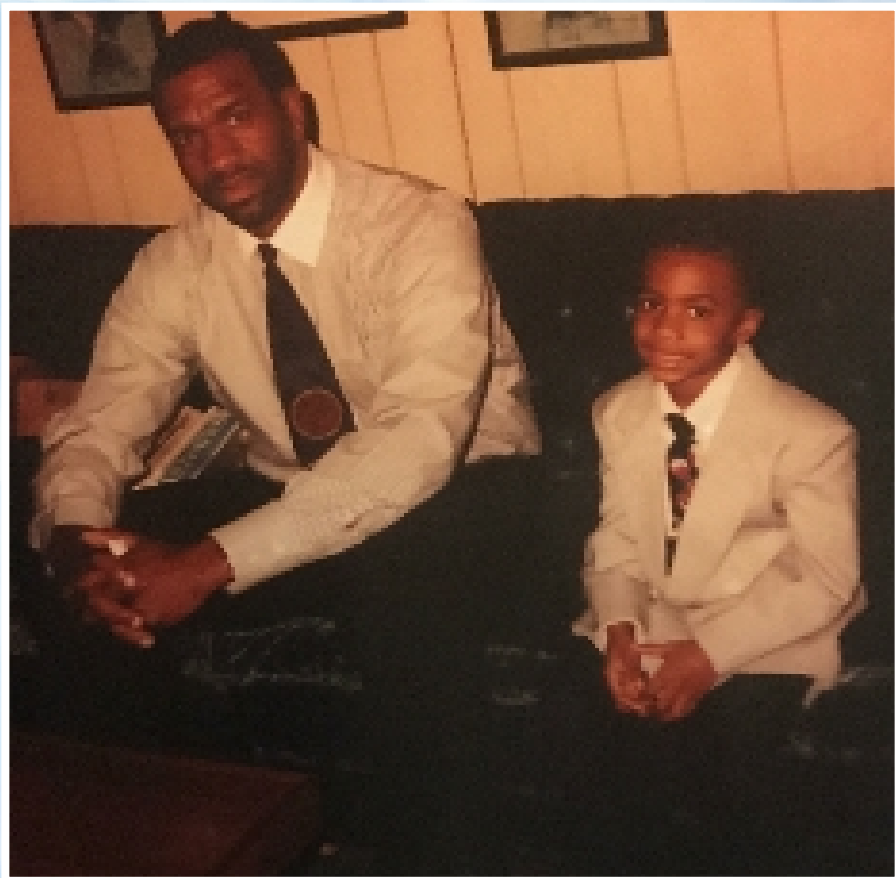
*Monday, March 13, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.*

**ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

132 Odell Clark Place

New York, NY 10030

**Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, Officiating**



# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

# Reflections of Life

**Kevin Isaac Shaw** was born on January 28, 1959 in New York, NY to proud parents Isaac and Betty Shaw, he was the second of three children born to this family. Kevin departed this life on March 6, 2017.

He attended Gompers High School, Bronx, NY and graduated from Harlem Preparatory High School, New York, NY in 1976. He received an athletic basketball scholarship to Riker College in Houlton, Maine where he became one of the top five players and received numerous awards and accolades.

As a young adult, Kevin proudly owned and operated a Unisex Hair Salon that he named "Headquarters" in the neighborhood where he grew up. After 8 years in business, Kevin attended Maxwell Institute in Tuckahoe, NY and later received his CASAC (Certification in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling). Fulfilling his desire to help others, Kevin worked at several hospital treatment facilities and Brooklyn Job Corps where he took a special interest in working with the inner city youth. He and his close friend Fred Brown, honed their entrepreneurial skills when they started their entertainment business "Old School Productions". Kevin later branched out on his own and started "Flavor Entertainment".

In the early 1980's Kevin met and married the love of his life Sakeena Gittens and after a whirlwind courtship they united in marriage. Out of this blessed union two children were born, Ebonie and Kevin Shaw.

In 2015, following the sudden loss of their beloved son, Kevin Shaw Jr., Kevin embarked on his most recent venture, The Kevin Shaw Jr. Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation provides scholarships for youth of inner city communities. Kevin served as President of the foundation and in 2016, this brought him the most joy and sense of accomplishment. He was very excited that his 2017 goal to award five scholarships would be achieved.

Kevin was known for his larger than life personality, sense of humor and sharp wit. He was extremely charismatic with a big heart and was a man of strength and integrity. Kevin was immensely passionate about his family especially his beloved grand daughters. He cherished his longtime friendships and was a strong advocate for those in need.

Kevin is survived by his devoted wife of 33 years Sakeena, his loving daughter Ebonie and son-in-law Aaron. His parents Betty and Isaac Shaw, sister Monique Shaw; his granddaughters Khloe and Skye; and a host of Aunts Shirley, Dorothy, Pearl and uncles, niece and nephews, relatives and friends.

# Precious Memories



*"God brings men into deep waters, not to drown them but to cleanse them. Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. We think about you in silence we often speak your name, now all we have is memories and your pictures in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. To our man Kev, your strength, courage, passion & love made you a mans man. Gone too soon, forever loved."*

*-Fred Brown, Fats, Hollis, Butch and Chris.*

# Order of Service

**Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Officiating**

**PRELUDE**

*James Davis, Jr.*

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Minister • Officers • Family*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

*“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Old Testament – Psalm 23 – Reverend Edward Bush*

*New Testament – Minister Wanda U. Herndon*

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

**SOLO**

*“Blessed Assurance” - Shani Baker*

**TRIBUTES**

*AbyTech plays “You’re the Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me”*

*Gladys Knight version at end of Tributes*

**OBITUARY READING**

*Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III*

**SOLO**

*“Never Would Have Made It” Tyrone Flowers*

**EULOGY**

*Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III*

**FINAL TRIBUTE**

*AbyTech plays Frank Sinatra “My Way” Video*

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL**

*“I’ll Fly Away”/”When We All Get To Heaven”*

**Interment**

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. (Sharp)

(departing from Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 Odell Clarke Place )

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey 07036



## Acknowledgement

*We gratefully acknowledge the flowers you sent today. The cards you mailed along the way. The services you stopped to render. The gifts you brought with thoughts so tender. The prayers you said which played a part in easing the pain within our hearts. Each kindness shared helped us find the strength to bear the loss of one so dear. It was to us a great comfort indeed to see you in our time of need. So from our hearts, which you tried to mend, we sincerely thank you all again and again for being such truly wonderful family and friends. May you all be forever blessed.*

The Family of **Kevin Shaw, Sr.**

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