

*In Blessed Memory
of
Howard Leon Durham, Sr.*

Sunrise

September 15, 1960

Sunset

May 26, 2017

Funeral Service

Friday, June 2, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Rev. Jeffrey Bryan, Pastor

Rev. Gilbert C. Young, Jr., Eulogist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort..... Richard William

Selection

Words of Comfort.....Cheri Bogin

Family Tribute.....Lisa Durham

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary.....Edwina Rivers

Selection

EulogyRev. Gilbert C. Young, Jr.

Recessional

Cremation

Rosehill Crematory

Linden, New Jersey

Immediately following the Cremation, Family and Friends are invited to Return to the Church where a Repast will be served.

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

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Reflections of Life

Howard Leon “Tiny” Durham, Sr. was born on September 15, 1960 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, son of the late Johnnie and Celara Durham. He was educated in the Elizabeth Public School system where he graduated in the class of 1978. In his youth, Howard was baptized at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church where he sang in the Junior Choir and served as a Junior Usher.

Howard served in the United States Army Reserve from 1979 to 1981. He was employed at American Cyanamid in Linden from 1981 to 1989, and worked for Reichold Chemical Company of Newark from 1989 to 2004 until his health started to fail.

Howard fearlessly enjoyed riding his motorcycles and challenged anyone on roller skates. That was his thing, every Saturday morning or any day that he had free time. Howard would skate up and down the street with that HUGE speaker on the front step and of course at the skating rinks! He was the Best at it!

He was such an easygoing person, and one of the nicest guys you’d ever met. In fact, he was the easiest going person out of all the brothers. He was the “troublemaker of the family”, instigated or kept husband and wives or couples at each other (in fun) sure to get laughs with this guy around. Howard had a nickname for everybody (chuckle).

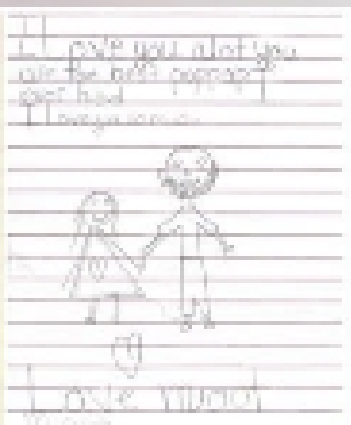
On Friday, May 26, 2017, Howard Leon Durham, Sr. departed this life at the Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey in the presence of his family as he lost his lengthy battle to cancer.

He was predeceased by his brother, Rev. Sheldon E. Durham; maternal grandparents: Ollie and Lillie Bullock; and paternal grandparents: Johnnie and Adlene Durham.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his loving daughter and caretaker, Jonaya Durham of Rahway, New Jersey; son, Howard Durham, Jr. of Elizabeth, New Jersey; stepson, Derrell Peterson of Rahway, New Jersey; granddaughter, (his Moot Moot) Jha’ni Grayer; grandson (his Shorty Doo Wop) Omari Peterson; two sisters: Mrs. Ernestine Price (Ernest) of Somerset, New Jersey and Jennifer Durham of Elizabeth, New Jersey; five brothers: James, John and Steve (Lisa) of Richmond, Virginia, Rodney (Cindy) of Elizabeth, New Jersey and Michael Durham (Turina) of Linden, New Jersey; best friends: Mr. and Mrs. Steven Edwards of Roselle New Jersey; a special friend: Ms. Donna Peterson of Elizabeth New Jersey; god daughter: Ms. Cheri Bogin; and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family

"Precious"





Memories”

Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Howard Leon Durham, Sr.**

Weep Not for Me

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet fight
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years
There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life
~ Unknown author

Acknowledgement

The family of **Howard Leon Durham, Sr.**
would like to take this opportunity to express our
sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts
of kindness, support and concern extended to us
during this time of bereavement.

Thank you and May god richly bless you.

