

CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF

Derek
Edwin Peeples

Sunrise: January 16, 1962

Sunset: May 27, 2017



Service:

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Paul McLendon, Officiating

Obituary

Derek Edwin Peeples, born to Ben and the late Thelma C. Thomas, began his life's journey on January 16, 1962 in Newark, NJ. Derek, the middle son of three, was the glue that kept his brothers Terrance and Carlos together.

Derek was educated in the Newark school system. He attended Morton Street School, West Kinney, Central High and graduated from Newark VoTech with a major in Machine Operations.

Derek lived the majority of his life in the Scudder Homes community where he was known as "Omar" to many of the people here today that has shown up to show the love, support and respect that he shared throughout his life.

In the mid 80's, Derek completed a certified truck driving school course and was awarded his CDL license. He later became an Owner Operator.

On January 17, 1988, Derek's life changed with the birth of his only child, Saleema. Saleema was the joy of his life and Derek strived to provide, protect and guide Saleema. Nine years later on January 14, 1997, Jada was born and Derek's heart grew even more. Throughout the years, Derek was a great father and friend to both Saleema and Jada.

Derek leaves to mourn, (children) Saleema and Jada, (father) Ben Peeples, (brothers) Terrance and Carlos, (step-sister) Tanya and Kindness, a very special (uncle) Morris Thomas and a host of family along with a community of special friends who showed up and showed out to assure that Derek was honored and remembered in a deserving manner.

Saleema and Family sincerely and deeply appreciate all expressions of love and support.

Thank You



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

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Eulogy
Pastor Paul McLendon

Recessional

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Forest Green Park Cemetery
Morganville, New Jersey

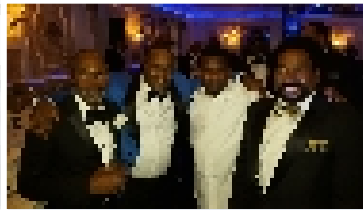
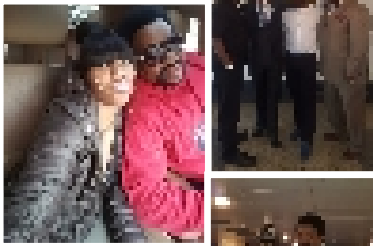
I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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