# In Loving Memory of





"RaRa"

Sunrise: September 23, 1987

Sunset: June 13, 2017

#### **Service**

Monday, June 19, 2017 -11:00 a.m.

### LOWLY NAZARENE BAPTIST CHURCH

844 Gerard Avenue • Bronx, NY 10451 Officiant - Reverend Dr. Betty A. Spencer Pastor Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church Musician - Sister Rudenia Spencer

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Rashad Roy Harris** known as "**RaRa**" was born on September 23, 1987, to his parents, Carolyn Nicholson and Shelly Harris in New York City. Rashad received his education through the New York school system.

Rashad received Christ at a young age. He was baptized at the Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church in Bronx, New York, where he was faithful until his health started to fail. He served as a Junior Usher and was a member of the Edward Singers. He was gifted with a beautiful voice and he used it to the Glory of God!

Rara was a kind, gentle and caring person with a strong personality and good character. He was loved, admired, and respected by his peers in his community. Most of all he was a beloved and devoted son.

Rashad known to friends as "Raz" or "Flat-top" was a shy but smooth crooner. Beginning his musical career in the church choir, he would eventually create and make music with the group Rich Starz. Rashad had a love for fashion, he was known to re-paint and embellish his clothes creating styles that were as unique as his personality.

During his early years, Rashad became an avid sports lover. He enjoyed watching as well as playing football and basketball, but his love was baseball. Rashad was a devoted Yankees fan who spent countless days and nights in and around Yankee Stadium. At a very young age, he became an entrepreneur selling everything from waters to complimentary "bobble heads" to the unknowing Yankee fans. One of his greatest joys was to go down to the baseball field with all of his friends.

At home, he confidently assumed his role as big brother and uncle despite his young age. Growing up he enjoyed spending time with his nieces, singing, watching movies, playing video games, shopping, or trips to Yankee Stadium. Every day was an adventure even if it was just within the walls of the apartment. Despite his small stature he still managed to have this authoritative way, he was the leader, the boss, and he made it clear.

On the afternoon of June 13, 2017, the herald angel was summoned by the majestic power of God that required the soul of Rashad and he went to his heavenly home on the wings of an angel.

Rashad leaves to cherish his memory: a loving devoted mother, Carolyn Nicholson; a loving father, Shelly Harris; his sisters, Yvette Nicholson and Shatara Nicholson; his brothers, Keith Nicholson and Jonathan Nicholson all of Bronx, NY; his aunt, Michelle Boyer (James) Bronx, NY; his uncle, Larry Birthwright (Sandra) of Bronx, NY; his devoted and loving godparents, Roy and Vynette Fraser of New York, NY, Regina Ross of New York, NY; his devoted cousin and prayer partner, Donna Harris of Bronx, NY; four nieces, Sheena Nicholson, Jacquesha Tyson, Tocarra Baguma and Jayele Nicholson; one nephew, Dante Nicholson; two great nieces, Arian and Dylan; and a host of cousins, church family, and friends.

## Order of Service

The Order of Worship	
The Organ Prelude	Sis. Rudenia Spencer
The Processional	Clergy
The Hymn of Praise	"I'm Free"
The Holy Scriptures Old Testament - Psalm 100	Deacon George Wilkerson St. John's Baptist Church
New Testament - I Corinthians 15:50-58	Deacon Leona Moses Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church
Prayer of Consolation	Reverend Helena Tyson Franklin Avenue Baptist Church
The Hymn of Consolation	"It is Well with My Soul"
The Tributes and Words of Consolation	Sister Donna Harris (Cousin), Sister Catherine Gibbons (Family friend)
Musical Tribute	Jacquesha Tyson (Niece)
Solo	Sister Margaret Jones Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church
The Obituary	Brother Davon Harris (Cousin) The First Bible Church of the Lord's Mission
Solo	Reverend James Cole Prayer Temple Church
Message of Comfort	Reverend Dr. Betty A. Spencer Pastor Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church
Benediction	
The Recessional	

Interment

Pinelawn Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York

Two Wings



Two wings to veil my face.
Two wings to veil my feet.
Two wings to fly away,
and the world can't do me no harm.
Meet me Jesus, meet me,
I want You to meet me in the middle of the air.
If these wings should fail me,
I want You to meet me with another pair.
Two wings
Fly away,

And the world can't do me no harm. -Rashad

I'll fly away.



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

#### Words from the family:

I'm gonna miss that smile of yours everyday. I'm gonna miss seeing your face. I'm gonna miss your hugs that you give me regularly. I know you don't want to see me crying because now you are free. But there's a part of me that's selfish and wish you were still here with me. I love you forever and ever until the end of time. - Your Baby Sister, Shatara

We are so grateful, that God gave us Rashad in our lives. We were not ready to let him go. Our God has spoken, and we give him the highest praise. Rashad will always live in our hearts. - Loving Godparents, Roy & Vynette

No words can express how I feel. So I'll just say, Rashad I will see you in the Rapture. Rashad I will see you when I get home! - Love, Your Mother

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

Words are inadequate to express the gratitude we feel toward our friends, neighbors and loved ones who have consoled us during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, love and presence have sustained us. We thank each and every one of you. A heartfelt thanks to the many that were praying for Rashad through this difficult time.

Special thanks to the church families of, Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church - Bronx, NY & The First Bible Church of the Lord's Mission - Bronx, NY who continuously kept him in their prayers.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



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