



*In Loving Memory of*



*Phillip Rayford*

Sunrise  
August 15, 1955

Sunset  
June 27, 2017

*Service*

*Thursday, July 6, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

**Phillip Rayford** was born August 15th 1955. He was called home on June 27th 2017. Phillip Rayford was the son of the late Esterlena and Thomas Rayford Sr. Phillip Rayford, is joined in heaven with his parents Esterlena and Thomas Rayford, brother James Rayford and granddaughter Juanita Buie. Phillip Rayford is a man of God.

Phillip Rayford was a graduate of Orange High School. He loved to play and watch basketball, football, and baseball. He spent most of his time watching his favorite teams Dallas Cowboys, NY Knicks, Los Angeles Lakers and NY Yankees. Win or lose he loved those Cowboys. He was a faithful employee at Brookhaven Healthcare for over 25 years, which he considered his second home. Also known as “The Gentle Giant” for is wonderful sense of humor and willingness to help others. His favorite sayings were “Boo Boo” and “Yo”. He was a great listener, friend, and a phenomenal father, who will be truly missed.

Leaving to cherish his memories the two women who were always a special part of his life Debrah King and Michelle Johnson. His three daughters Cynthia Rayford of Newark, NJ, Sherrell Rayford (Maurice) of Raleigh, NC, and Bianca Lee (Anthony), of Greensboro, NC. Five grandsons Derrick Buie, Kajmere Jones, Isiah Jones, Maurice Jones Jr., and one granddaughter Mia Jones. Great grandson Sahaaj Buie. One brother Thomas Rayford Jr. Two nieces Ebonee, Aniyah Rayford, and one nephew James Collins. His second family Brookhaven staff members and a host of family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

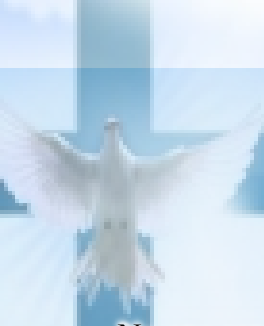
Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional





## *“What a Man”*

No one can measure up not compare when it comes to nurturing tender, loving care. The gentle moments that we share. Style like no other with elegance and flair. A professional scholar, leader, and true role model. Taught me how to skin time with the moonlight and my shadow. The best of the best made in God's likeness. Unconditional love true guardian angel from heaven above. Always brought light to darkness as spring flower bud.

Protected, guided, taught and faught, trained explained, maintained, worked hard for us. Trustworthy, loving, skillful, creative, charming, romantic, respectful, mygustic. Handsome is an understatement, yet I am telling the truth. Straightforward, heart of gold, side beyond his years. Feeling his youth, neither not anyone can replace you or even come close. The missing piece to my puzzle of life.

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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