## In Loving Memory of



# Gregory Swilley Cuyler

Sunrise August 8, 1953 Sunset June 30, 2017

<u>Service</u> Saturday, July 8, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

### **Calvary Gospel Church**

17 Lyons Avenue Newark, New Jersey Rev. Dr. Steven Davis, Officiating

## **Obituary**

**Gregory Swilley Cuyler** was born on August 8, 1953 in East Orange, New Jersey to Samuel and Sylvia Cuyler. The 5<sup>th</sup> of six children, "Greg" as he preferred to be called, almost always had a loving, upbeat, and cheerful attitude. In fact his comical expressions often kept his family and friends "in stitches".

Educated in Newark, Greg attended South Eighth St. School and then Barringer High School. At Barringer he played in the band, was captain of the basketball team, and played catcher for the baseball team. After graduating from Barringer, he spent one year at Florida A. and M. University in Tallahassee, Florida.

One of the activities he enjoyed most was listening to music and singing, and dared to go solo at a variety of events. Nothing made his day like singing Doo Wops and harmonizing with the fellas. He proudly displayed for company his personal collection of photos of himself with a number of famous singers and celebrities he had met in his travels.

In 1975 Greg left Newark and went out to California to live with his sister Donna. He soon became employed with AT&T, where he represented them in Athens, GA, Jacksonville, FL and Birmingham, AL. In 1994 while living in CA he met and married his wife of twenty-two years, Sherley "Pat" Ford. They eventually retired and settled in Palm Coast, Florida near another sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Kenny. In Palm Coast Greg loved working in his yard, visiting with neighbors and hosting visiting family, where he took them out to enjoy the ocean and sites.

Making a point to continue his service to the community he worked diligently on voter registration going door to door registering voters, marching for the March of Dimes against cancer, and spending many hours at the gym where he pursued good health and physical fitness Greg and Pat were attending services at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Palm Coast. To the joy of his family he recently accepted Christ as his Savior

Since Greg so vigorously believed in bringing joy to all that he met, it is believed his wishes and prayers would be, that we will not allow his passing to take that joy away.

Greg leaves to mourn his wife of twenty-two years, Pat; two daughters, Naema Nickleberry of Atlanta, GA, Akimya Boyd of Mulberry, FL; three stepsons, Tracy Sutton of Hackensack, NJ, Charles (Jodi) Griffin of Jacksonville, FL and Kristopher Griffin of Jacksonville, FL; three sisters, Michelle (Kenny) Johnson of Palm Coast, Corliss (Alonzo) Coleman of Piscataway, NJ and Donna (Tee) Julien of Rayne, LA; a brother, Marc Cuyler of Newark, NJ; three aunts, Elizabeth McElveen and Erma Boyd of Oxon Hill, MD, Elizabeth Swilley of Portsmouth, VA; eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Gregory was preceded in death by his parents Samuel and Sylvia Cuyler; and a brother Kevin (Batin) Cuyler.



## Order of Service

#### Musical Prelude

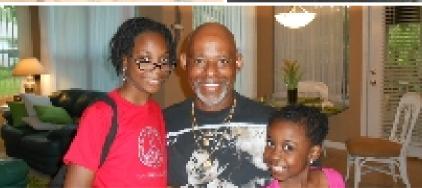
Processional	
Opening Hymn	"Blessed Assurance"
	Sheila M. Allen Isaiah 65:17-25 Kathleen Cummings Romans 8:35-39 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
Musical Selection	
Reflections	Israel Coles Alvin Swilley
Acknowledgements	Michelle Johnson
Obituary	
Musical Selection	Rhonda Davis
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Steven B. Davis
Recessional	

#### **The Comittal and Benediction**

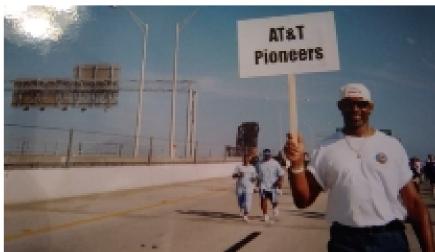
Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

Friends and family may join the family immediately following the interment for a repast at
Kings Family Restaurant
557 Clinton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108

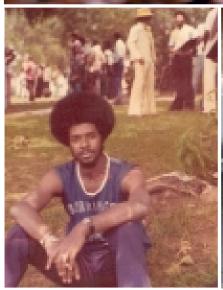
























## Come To Me

God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be So He put his arms around you And whispered, "Come to me" With tearful eves we watched you And saw you pass away Although we loved you dearly We could not make you stay A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

#### **Pallbearers**

Charles Griffin Shamir Filera Eric Wynn

Kristopher Griffin Kyle Johnson **Damon Suggs** 

## 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 that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much whatever the part.

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