

Homegoing Celebration
Ernest James Talley

September 15, 1948 - July 5, 2017



Service:

Thursday, July 13, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

The Life of Ernest James Talley

Ernest James Talley was born on September 15, 1948 in Saint Augustine, Florida. Ernest was the third of six children from the union of the late Charles and Blanche Talley, Sr. Ernest spent his elementary school years in Saint Augustine, where he attended Excelsior Grammar School. In 1960, at the age of 12, Ernest and his family moved to Newark, New Jersey, seeking more opportunities and a better life for their family.

As a teen, Ernest attended Clinton Place Junior High School in Newark, NJ. He was an adventurous and strong-willed teen, always looking for new and exciting things to do. Mrs. Talley would often get so tickled sharing the story of taking her son, Ernest, to school. She said she would walk Ernest in the front door of the school and by the time she got to work, the principal would call to inform her that no sooner than she left, Ernest walked out the back door. Ernest was a free spirit and although he did not want to attend school at that time, he later discovered the importance of education and successfully completed his GED – and encouraged and helped others to obtain their GED, as well. Ernest also pursued a college degree and completed his first year of studies as a freshman.

Ernest was a true talent and worked very well with his hands. He became an artist, in his own right, and created beautiful illustrations and experimented with art in various mediums. He also built unique furniture pieces. He would often gift his creations to family members and friends, who now treasure and display his work for all to admire. Ernest was also an avid bodybuilder who took great pride in educating and helping others to strengthen their bodies for greater health. He loved working out and exercising, which gave him an enormous advantage in his favorite sport - football. Ernest loved the game of football and played the sport every chance he could. Ernest would run through the entire front line, leaving every player down on the field, earning him the nickname “Hammer”. Due to his mighty strength and muscular physique, “Hammer” was unstoppable on the field.

As a family member, Ernest was a dapper, fascinating, comedic storyteller who loved to sing Doo-Wop. He made family gatherings, everyday dinner, or just sitting on the steps an entertaining and hilarious, laugh-until-you-cry event. He was a lot of fun.

As a family man, Ernest was a protector; he was also a loving son, loving & supportive brother, loving & entertaining uncle, loving & endearing cousin, and a loving partner and good friend. Love is the common denominator when speaking about Ernest, because he loved his family and expressed it at every opportunity. He made sure that each family member he encountered, at each-and-every encounter, felt loved and special to him. That was his contribution to his family – Love. Simply, love.

Ernest’s enormous love was also shared with his partner of 15 years, Teresa Singleton. They were inseparable until two years ago, when Teresa departed this Earth. Now he has joined her, his true love.

The memory of Ernest Talley will live on in the hearts of his loving family, especially his siblings: Leroy Thompson (Dot*) of Newark, NJ, Charles (Diana) Talley, Jr. of Plainfield, NJ, Angie (Charlie) Jones of Kenilworth, NJ, Dwain *(Sandra) Talley of Pennsylvania, Darnell (Gloria) of Florida, and Amir (Ameenah) Shabazz of Newark, NJ. Nieces and nephews: LeRoy Ali, Hasaan (Tiffanie), Siedah, Tarik, Aisha (Teddy), Faheem* (Anissa), Rashad (Krishtina), Nayyirah, Jamaal & Yasin ... and many, many more family members and cherished friends. (* Deceased)

Order of Service

Officiating Minister – Pastor Bennett Johnson
Cotton Funeral Service

Welcome and Prayer.....Rev. Bennett Johnson
Musical SelectionDaaimah Talley
Scripture ReadingPastor Delores Keels
Pastor Leon Kornegay
Special TributeDarlene Moultrie
Musical SelectionDaaimah Talley
ObituaryVirginia Clark
Reflections/Remembrance(please limit to one minute)
Gospel SelectionRev. Bennett Johnson
Prayer for Family.....Evangelist Pearl Johnson
Eulogy.....Rev. Bennett Johnson
BenedictionRev. Bennett Johnson
The Recessional

The Final Earthly Resting Place

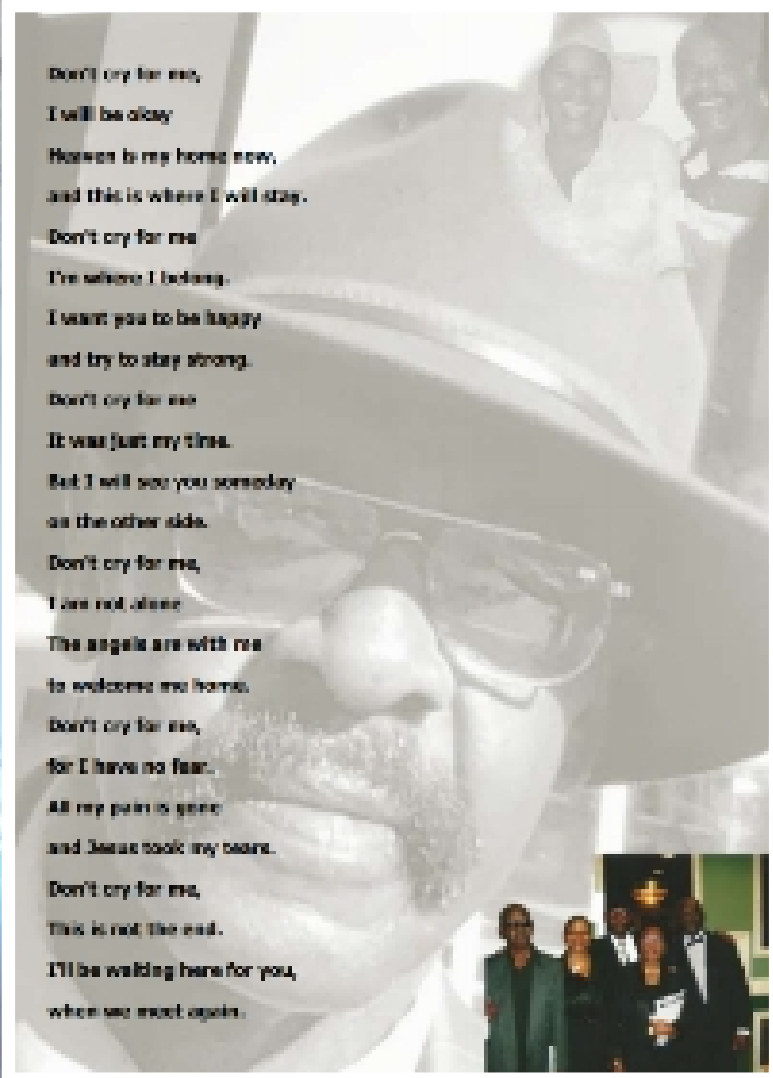
Graceland Cemetery
1900 Galloping Hill Road Kenilworth, NJ

Pall Bearers

LeRoy Ali
Tarik Jones
Yasin Shabazz

Hasaan Talley
Rashad Jones
Nahji Talley

Donald Clark
Jamaal Talley
Charles David Talley



Don't cry for me,
I will be okay
Heaven is my home now,
and this is where I will stay.
Don't cry for me
I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy
and try to stay strong.
Don't cry for me
It was just my time.
But I will see you someday
on the other side.
Don't cry for me,
I am not alone
The angels are with me
to welcome me home.
Don't cry for me,
for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone
and Jesus took my tears.
Don't cry for me,
this is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you,
when we meet again.

Acknowledgement

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy. Thank you for your prayers and support during our time of loss. It has meant so much to our family.

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