

In Loving Memory of

*Edward
Allen
Davidson*



Sunrise: March 23, 1968

Sunset: August 17, 2017

Service

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

On March 23, 1968, to the parentage of Valerie Davidson and Jerry Monroe, a son named **Edward Allen Davidson** was born. Edward was known as “Big AL” by his many friends. Al grew up in the St. Nicholas Housing projects as well as 1990 Lexington Avenue with his siblings, Kaisha and Shombe in Harlem, New York.

He was educated in the public school system of New York City. He attended elementary school P.S. 92 and JHS 43. He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School where he was a member of the football team. Al later attended Kings Borough Community College.

Al met, fell in love, and married the former Monique Parish. He and Monique loved traveling together. Through this union, he inherited two sons that he loved dearly, Ben and Sam.

Everyone that knew Al knew that he loved music. He toured with his cousin’s group Wreckx N Effect and Guy as well as other well-known artists and groups. When he was not touring, he served as a Customer Service Representative for Transworld, INC., where he worked for over ten years. Al currently served as CEO of Swing City Entertainment Group, where he also served as a music and talent consultant.

Al loved his nieces and nephew. He was often known to pick up his nieces from school just to spend quality time with them. Al and his siblings shared a very special relationship. Al loved music and sports and was an avid fan of the New York Knicks, New York Yankees and the New York Giants. Everyone close to Al knew that when he was watching football, basketball, or music events, you better not disturb him or “else”. Al was an avid social media networker. He reconnected with many family members and old friends through social media. Al loved his family dearly.

Al entered into eternal rest to the sweet sound of the music that he loved on August 17, 2017 at Harlem Hospital. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eddie B. and Clara Davidson; his mother, Valerie Davidson; his aunts who were like second mothers, Prestine Dixon, Hattie Lucille Aponte and Edna Rae Bailey; uncles, Hector Ascencio and Michael Bailey. They are all deeply missed.

Al leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Monique Parish Davidson; his sons, Samuel Kiley and Benjamin Kiley; his father, Jerry Monroe; siblings, Kaisha R. Davidson Green, Shombe R. Davidson, Selania Abraham, Nicole Monroe, Laura Monroe, Jaquan Monroe and Patricia Ann Williams; sisters-in-law, Anita Hicks and Vashti Davidson; brothers-in-law, Patrick Green and Randy King; nieces, Shakirah, Armani, and Kiley Davidson, Serenity Green, Ravyn and Rayne King; a nephew, Trevion Williams; aunts, Trannie Mae Samuels, Lailah Greene, Rashidah Ascencio, and Alexis Monroe; a special grand uncle, “Bro” Davidson; uncles, Wilbert Samuels, Raymond Aponte and Mas'ud Greene; godmother, Nadine Frederick; a host of cousins who were more like brothers and sisters to him; and a host of special friends.

Order of Service

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Acknowledgements

Idris Davidson

Remarks

Aquilah Martinez

Aqil Davidson

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Aliah Greene-Wojcik

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Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave

Committal

Viewing

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Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Allen

It's easy to forget how young you are.
Grandpop's namesake,
the oldest in the city,
you've never before seemed young to me.
Any real memories I have start with you already a teen,
tall,
towering,
a laugh that boomed and echoed over our heads.

You'd tease and bully us
but also brag on us
Friends of yours I couldn't recognize in the street know the college I attended.
They know my sister's nursing and dance careers,
your sons' football wins,
our cousin's musical success.
Every accomplishment by any of us was all of ours
and you remind us with your pride
We're Davidsons.
An unbreakable foundation we build from.
All we do always for and from each other.
Family. No matter what.

And you reached out,
keeping those relationships,
traveling the country when you were healthy enough
calling, texting or on Facebook when you weren't
keeping those connections with family and friends,
love from Big Al

"We need to get together, Cuz."

We do, Allen.
We really do.
I just wish it wasn't like this.

You may have been older, but you're still much much too young.
Go be with our angels.
Go be one yourself.

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*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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