

Celebration of Life

Craig Jonathan Mapp

Sunrise March 9, 1962

Sunset October 21, 2017



Service

Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 11:00 am

Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship

83 Galloping Hill Road

Elizabeth, New Jersey

Bishop Tyrone Butler, Officiating

Bishop Anthony W. Gilyard, Pastor/Eulogist



Obituary

Craig Jonathan Mapp was born on March 9, 1962 in Bronx, NY. He was the fourth child born to the late Albert and Elma Mapp. Craig showed strength of character while battling through his illness, but he left his earthly home on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Craig received his education in the Bronx public school system. He graduated from Dewitt Clinton High school in 1981. He delayed his high school graduation for a year so he could work and help take care of his mother during her illness. Craig received his B.A. in Communications from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1986. While attending the university he was a radio DJ for the campus radio station; a job he truly loved. He also loved the friends that he met during this time. Many of these friendships have endured for over 30 years. After graduating he briefly worked in his field, but excelled when he started working with children in the foster care system.

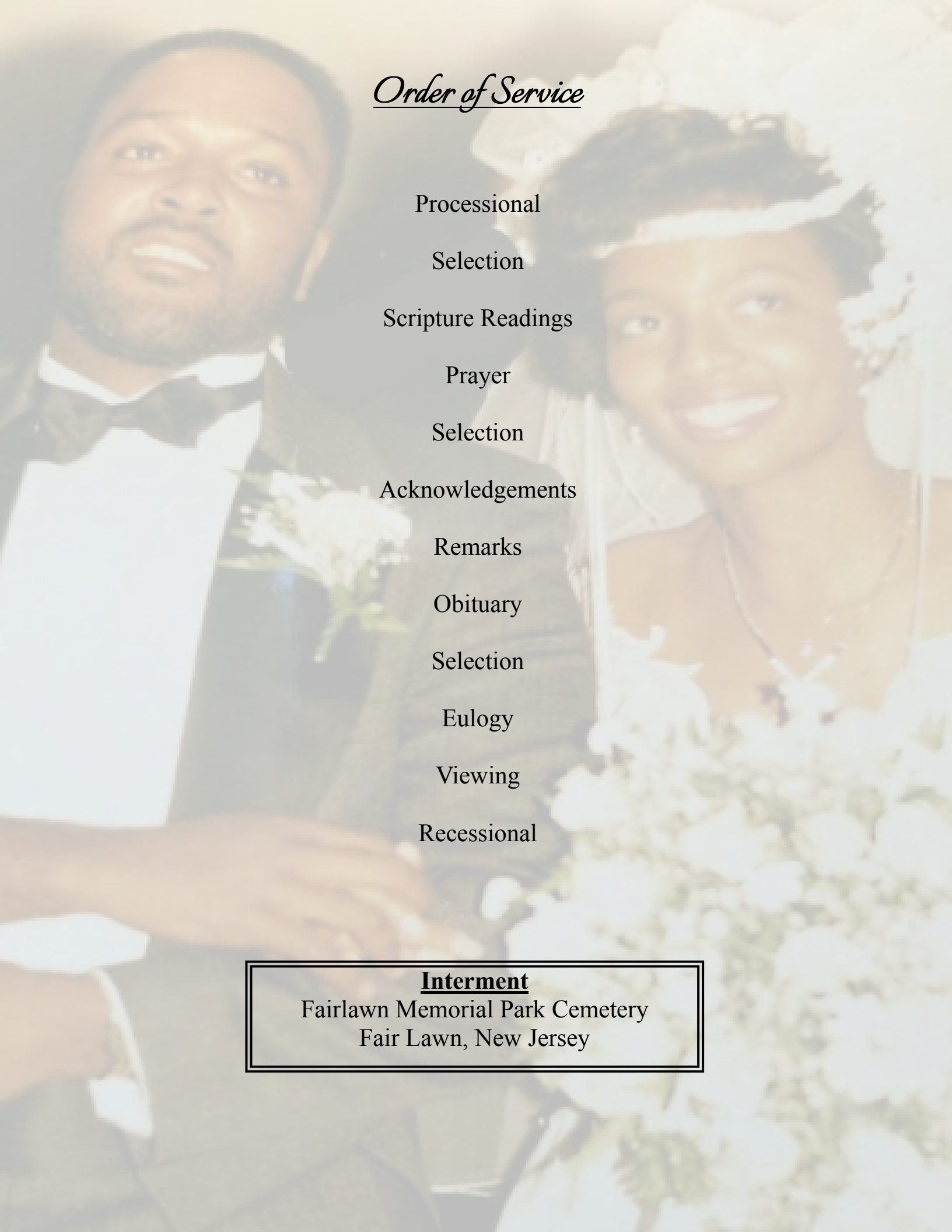
Craig was director of Independent Living for Miracle Makers, a private foster care agency for 7 years. He treated young adults who were in his program as if they were his children. He also hired a few to work with him. In 1996 Craig started working for the state of NJ in the Department of Youth and Family Services. In 2015 Craig finished his career working for the Law Guardian as an Investigator.

On September 24, 1988, Craig married Paula Butler. Born to this union were two daughters; Jordan Elyse and Jada Simone. Craig loved all his girls and was fiercely protective of them. He took exceptional care of his daughter, Jordan, who had cerebral palsy. Craig was her strongest protector and advocate. He always wanted his children to experience new things. He encouraged Jada to dance and placed her in ballet and tap classes for seven years. He encouraged her love of video games, Marvel and DC comics, and baseball. He also encouraged her to learn and excel in school.

Craig received the Lord as his savior in 1986. He was baptized by his cousin, the late Reverend Dr. Jerome John Pastor of Ebenezer Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1987. Craig and Paula joined House of Prayer C.O.G.I.C in 1991. In 2015, Craig and Paula began to attend Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship. He would come to service as often his illness allowed. Craig loved the Lord and his family. He was a man of integrity and strength.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Elma Mapp, his brother Carlton Walton Mapp, his sister Carol Madeline Heath, his daughter Jordan Elyse Mapp, and father-in-law Frederick E. Butler, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Paula Butler-Mapp, his daughter Jada Simone Mapp, sister Althea Marlene Punter, his sisters-in-law Alicia Mapp, Karen L. Butler, Sharon N. Butler, brother-in-law Frederick E. Butler Jr. (Yolanda), mother-in-law Ethel M. Butler, nieces and nephews Monique Villanueva (Nelson), Vanessa Mapp, Shaun Heath (Maria), Erica Heath, Austin Punter, Cynthia Punter, Jessica Punter, and a host of nieces-in-law and nephews-in-law.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

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Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Park Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

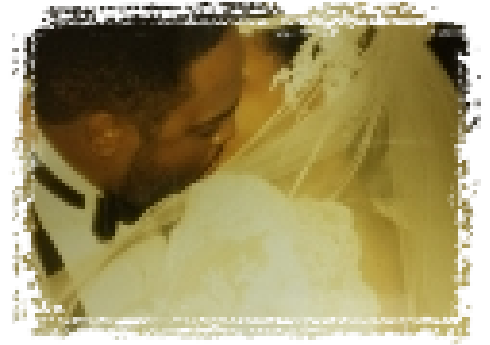
Messages of Love

From Your Beloved Daughter Jada and Your Loving Wife Paula:

I Thought Of You With Love Today

Author Unknown

I thought of you with love today
but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
and days before that too,
I think of you in silence
...I often speak your name
All I have are memories
and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping
I have you in my heart.



Come With Me

By Rhonda Braswell

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

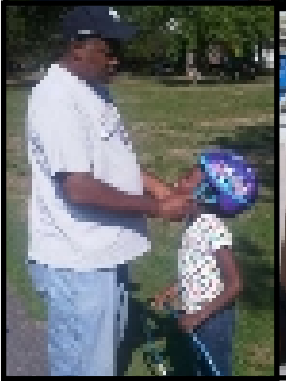
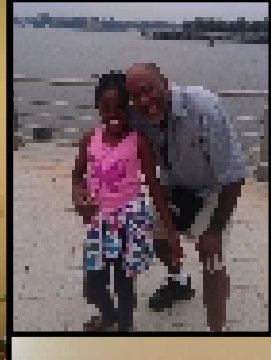
A golden heart stopped beating,
A beautiful smile at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren't the same
Since you went away.

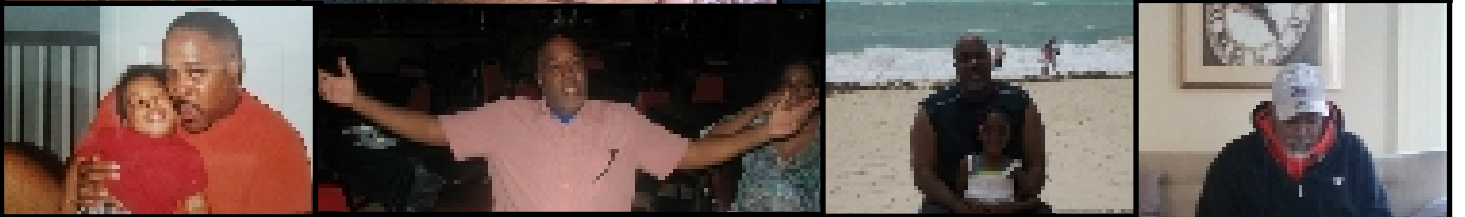
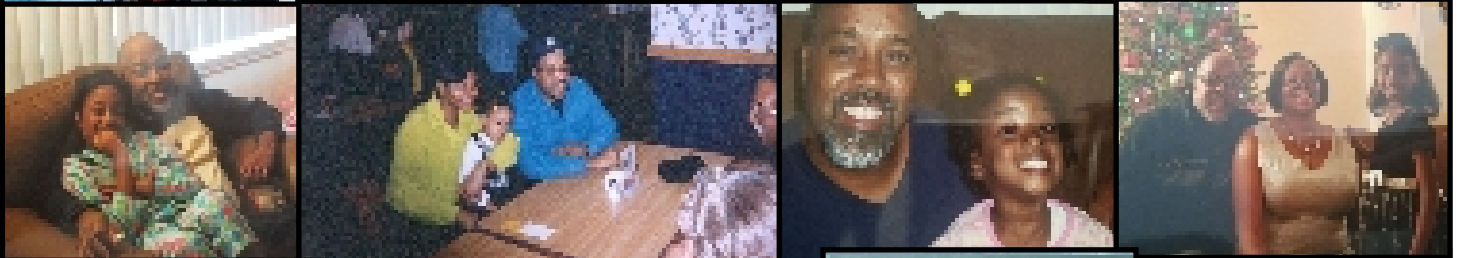
When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday."









When Tomorrow Starts Without Me



When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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 on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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