

In Loving Memory of



Dumisani Tony Hlongwa
1964 – 2017

Service

Saturday, October 28, 2017

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey



IN REMEMBRANCE OF DUMISANI

Dumisani Hlongwa, (popularly known as Tony) was born to Daphne (Topsy) Hlongwa on the June 22, 1964 in Kwa Mashu, Durban, Natal, and was the first born in a family of three, a brother Siphso, and sister Nonhlanhla. He started his primary education at Kwa Mashu Primary School, where he became an accomplished soccer player, and fan, which remained central to his life and activities.

Growing up he was funny, was named Mr. Bicycle, and his reputation as an accomplished soccer player earned him a huge following of fans and friends. He protected his family and siblings, and because of their relationship to Tony, they were protected and could walk down the streets of Durban safely anytime.

At a young age in primary school he met the girl of his dreams, Beatrice Zandile Simamane, but when Dumisani had to leave with his family to the United States, there was no option but to leave her behind. In the U.S Tony went on to complete his high school education at the Barringer High School in Newark, NJ.

As much as Dumisani loved sports, this was not his only love. And when his childhood sweetheart, Zandile, joined him in 1992, they got married, and started a family of three girls. A family that he cherished to the end.

WORK LIFE

Tony spent 18 years of his life in one job working for Fedex at the Liberty International Airport in Newark, earning a good reputation, as a great worker and mentor, and a great friend. Focused and serious minded, he could be relied upon to solve problems. Modest and unassuming, he repeatedly turned down promotion offers to managerial positions. At his job he leaves a legacy of service and good work.

Known for his dedication to his wife, Zandile, and family, Dumisani Tony will be remembered for his great sense of responsibility, and his deep passion for sports and games. He made a difference in so many ways at home, and his work place devoted to mentoring other employees.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife, Zandile, daughters Nomfundo, Nokuthula, and Nolwazi, brother Siphso, sister Nonhlanhla, grandson Gabriel Gonzales, mother Daphne, Aunt Joyce, and other relatives, work colleagues, sports buddies, and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude	Joshua Nelson, Organist/Singer
Opening Remarks/Welcome	Ntsiki Kabane-Langford
Opening Hymn	Great is Thy Faithfulness
Opening Prayer	Elder John Zuzo
Response	The Lord's Prayer sung in Zulu/Xhosa
Prayer	Elder John Zuzo
Scripture Reading	OT-Psalm 24:14 NT-Revelation 21:1-4 Nolwazi Hlongwa
Hymn	“Ngathi Ngisahamba”
Reflections	Nonhlanhla Hlongwa, Nokuthula Hlongwa, Vincent Mazza, Clement Hlongwane, Sington Mwandla
Reflections	Zandile Hlongwa
Hymn	Wakrazulwa
Obituary	Nomfundo Hlongwa
Song	Singabahambayo Thina
Eulogy	Elder John Zuzo
Vote of thanks	Nomfundo Hlongwa
Closing Hymn	It Is Well With My Soul
Benediction	Elder John Zuzo
Postlude	Joshua Nelson, organist/singer

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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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