## Celebrating the Life of



Sunrise April 30, 1969

Sunset April 15, 2020

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 - 12:00 Noon UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC. 1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233



**Maurice Kirby aka (Moe Kirby)**, son of Rachel Ann Kirby aka (RK) and the late William Marcel Kirby, was born on April 30th, 1969 in Brooklyn, New York.

Maurice began his formulative education at P.S. 191, I.S. 390 Middle School and was a graduate of Boys and Girls High School where he was an exceptional basketball player (#32) and could dribble you out of your sneakers. Moe was known as the Smooth Dancing Bear. He accomplished All Brooklyn and All Citywide honors as star point guard. In addition to great athletic skills and abilities, he received an athletic scholarship for the University of Maryland at Eastern Shore.

Maurice was Brooklyn's finest party promoter with Moe Kirby Productions. He was also a referee, coach, active in the Books Before Basketball tournament league, Fellas 30 and Over tournament, and a community legend that was very proactive in community affairs. Moe had a passion for old school events and was best known and recognized for giving back to youth and seniors in Brooklyn neighborhoods. Through his awards ceremony tributes he continued to recognize and honor folks that made a difference.

Maurice was humble, kind hearted, gentle, soft spoken and a well respected individual! He loved his family, especially his mother! His mother meant the world to him. He loved her to the moon and back! And would definitely let you know that! Moe was loved by all!

Maurice will always be remembered for his favorite quote, "You can't beat the deuce twice", his big smile, kindness, Moe Kirby day, Moe's Wall of Fame, love for his family and others, his Moët themed events, basketball tornaments, love and passion he had for the youth, and most of all, being the quiet referee, just to name a few.

On Wednesday, April 15th, 2020, Maurice Kirby departed this life in Brooklyn, New York. He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Rachel Ann Kirby; daughter, Shanelle Fasion of Maryland; brothers, Charles Brown aka Natural Light (deceased) and his wife, La Nisha Brown (Lisa Brown) of Rocky Mount, North Carolina and Andre Kirby aka "Boy" of Brooklyn, New York and his wife, Monique Kirby; sister, Andrea Kirby aka "Girl" of Brooklyn, New York; god sisters, Kim Bullock of Brooklyn, New York and Stephanie Marbury of Maryland; god brothers, George of Brooklyn, New York, Keenan of Charlotte North Carolina, Craig and Edward of Brooklyn, New York; two special aunts, Erestine Fisher of Queens, New York and Ellaworth Turner of Seattle Washington; longtime fiancée and confidante, Diane Martinez of Iselin, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Kirby; his daughter, Roniece Kirby; and two sisters, Darlene and Darcel.

Sleep on Maurice we all loved you, but God loved you best!

Lovely submitted: The Family

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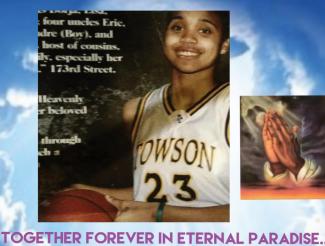
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<u>Interment</u> Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

## A FATHER AND DAUGHTER'S LOVE IS ONE OF A KIND











In Loving Memory



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## In Grateful Appreciation:

The Kirby, Brown, and Martinez, family would like to express their deepest appreciation and sincerest thanks for all the acts and thoughts of kindness bestowed on them in this time of sorrow.

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