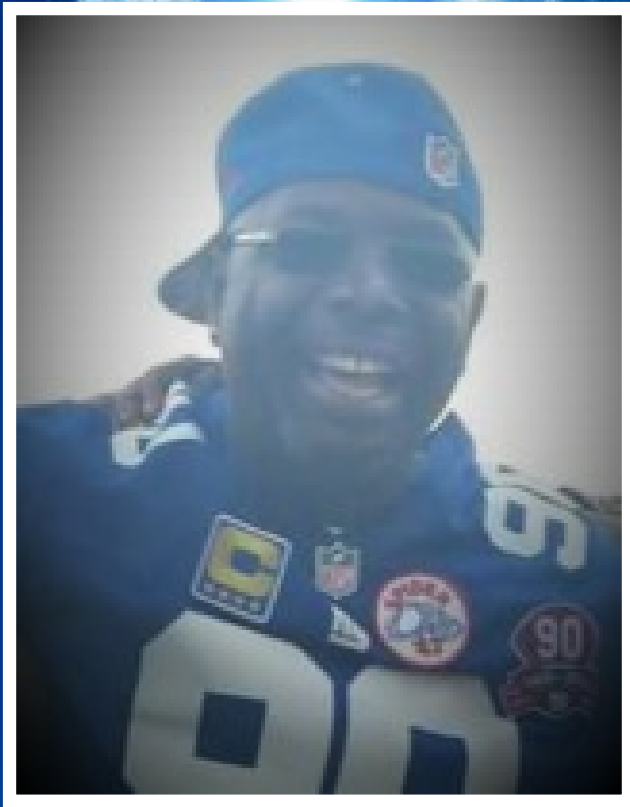


In Loving Memory of
Hezzie J. Bey, Jr.

Sunrise
November 13, 1964

Sunset
May 22, 2020



Service

Saturday, June 6, 2020 • 12:00 Noon

COTTON PARKER FUNERAL HOME
37 Clinton Ave. • Jersey City, New Jersey

Obituary

Hezzie Jackson Bey Jr. was born on November 13, 1964 to the parents of the late Barbara Jean Reed (mother) and the late Hezzie Jackson Bey Sr. (father). Hezzie Bey was born and raised in Jersey City, NJ along with his siblings; he graduated from Lincoln High School where he was an instrumental part of Defensive Team leading the team to become State Champions in 1981. After completing his school years and becoming a father of two daughters Hezzie unfortunately became a product of his environment which led to drug use, and petty crimes which resulted into him being incarcerated throughout his early to mid twenties.

About and/or around 1995-1996 Hezzie was given the opportunity to change his life around after numerous attempts on his own; so after his last and brief incarceration he decided to enter a treatment program named Straight and Narrow, Inc. located in Paterson, NJ. Hezzie remained in treatment for a period of a year and a half completing and graduating the program. Hezzie showed many his leaderships skills early on during his treatment process and in 1997 was hired for the entry level position as Community Living Aid/Security. Hezzie continued to grow and evolve within the agency and after a couple of years working under the leadership of his mentors (Mr. Kelly and Mr. Padilla) who took him under their wings and taught him everything he knew not to mention his own knowledgeable skills one being him knowing people, Hezzie eventually was appointed the position of Director of Community Living and was over all of the residential programs under Straight & Narrow, Inc. And as of late was just appointed Asst. Building Manager of 380/390. In 1997 he also met Shevon Bailey-Hodges at Straight & Narrow who was just entering treatment herself; they became friends immediately (love at first sight) and he would speak words of encouragement to her whenever he would see her like "patience are a virtue and good things come to those who wait". Hezzie and Shevon were engaged November 1999 after she completed and graduated treatment herself, and were married November 2000. They were not just husband and wife they were soulmates, they were life partners and did everything together; they worked together, shopped together, cooked together, went fishing together (he loved the peacefulness of going fishing), and loved their families together. Hezzie did everything and anything for his family if it was within his means to do it. Hezzie loved playing Chess, BBQ'ing, Cooking meals from the Food Network Channel, and attending the House Music Festivals (which we did every year). Hezzie was a huge fan of the NEW YORK GIANTS, and was an avid sports watcher who loved watching both football and basketball and would referee from his recliner chair sometimes sitting on the end of it yelling into the TV.

Hezzie enjoyed so many things in life from smoking a GOOD cigar while listening to his music (Biggie Smalls who was his favorite), to talking or face timing with the grandkids every night before bed and his face would light up with love for them. Hezzie Bey also gave back to the community by caring for others; if he could help you he would without hesitation especially if you wanted to get into treatment. His favorite line would be "I'm not going to be a part of your problem, but I will be a part of the solution"!

Hezzie leaves behind to cherish his beloved memory, his wife (Shevon), his two daughter's *Latrece Forester/grandchildren (Dereon and Kiyan), **Shahida Felder (Daniel Thomas-fiancé), three brothers, Albert Lewis (Patricia), Cecil Lewis, and Maurice Butler, one sister Zakiyyah Allen, and a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, associates, long-time childhood friends, and coworkers. Family who preceded him are, Michele Lewis & Beverly Lewis (sisters), Ferdinand Lewis Jr. & James Lewis (brothers); Andrea Bailey (sisters-in-law) Deivra Sears (mother in law) Wayne McClinnon and Rickey Bailey (brother-in-laws).

We love you and will miss you dearly...

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

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Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

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!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Hezzie J. Bey, Jr.** wishes to express our sincere thanks for the prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

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