In Loving Memory of

John Young, Jr.

Sunrise August 15, 1972 Sunset May 18, 2020

Service: Monday, June 8, 2020 - 11:30 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME 4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466 Officiating Clergy: Rev. Tyrone Zimmerman, Senior Pastor Latter Rain Christian Fellowship

<u>Obituary</u>

John Young Jr. was born August 15, 1972 to Yvonne Vincent Young and John Young in Bronx, NY. He was the fifth of six children. He was always the clown growing up, always having a joke to make you laugh. And even when they weren't funny, his infectious laugh made you laugh with him. He was a die-hard New York fan no matter what the sport – Yankees or Knicks – he repped his city, known for wearing his signature NY Yankee's fitted. John was educated in the NYC Public School System up until he entered Job Corp, where he became a Mason and tradesman who laid bricks to construct brickwork. He was so proud of his new skill he used to send home pictures of the walls he built. It may have only been a wall to everyone else, but to him it was everything and he was proud of his new accomplishment. He loved working with his hands but eventually construction became hard on his knees and it was time for a change. He transitioned over to fixing coffee and vending machines working for several companies until he found his place within The Weeks Lerman Group for the last seven years until March of 2020.

John met the love of his life, Aries Gilmore, in April 2011 and they were married in August 2014, on what he said was the "happiest day of his life". From that union he gained a Step-Daughter, Cynthia Alladice, which he opened his heart to and claimed as his own. During this time, he also became a foster parent to, Lynik Evans, gaining a bonus son. Although, John never had any biological children of his own, these became his children, along with his many god kids, nieces and nephews.

He had a charismatic personality with a smile that would brighten up a room with his contagious laugh. He was affectionately known as Big Daddy, Uncle Big Daddy, Uncle/Dad, Baby God Daddy, John John, John Boy, and Boy Boy. To John, family was the most important thing. He made sure his family knew how much he loved them. He loved family gatherings, and although he wasn't a fan of cooking at first for more than just himself, he found that to be the way to show his family love and bring them together. Through cookouts, family dinners, seafood boils, he found a way to include everyone, family and friends alike. As long as he had his Bud Light Lime, clams, and his family, he was good. Most of all, he loved spending time with his father. He loved going fishing in the summertime and working side by side at the U.S. Open every year.

And let's not forget his flair for dressing. Fashion was his middle name. Very rarely would you ever catch him without his Yankee fitted, in all colors, his Air Force Ones and his jewelry on. And don't let it be a special occasion so he could breakout his Derby hat and his vest, but still come in there stomping in his Air Force Ones. No matter what, he always left a long-lasting impression on everyone he met. To know him was to love him.

On Monday, May 18, 2020, John gained his wings to join his mother Yvonne and eldest sister Elaine. Leaving to celebrate his life: his father John Sr.; his loving wife Aries, step-daughter Cynthia; his bonus son Lynik; his siblings Sandra, Monique, Keshia, Kevin; bonus siblings Erika, Tonya, Michelle, and Allen; his brothers-in-law Edward Sr., William Sr., Jonathan Jr., Antonio; sister-in-law Yvonne; mother-in-law Doreatha, and fathers-in-law Jonathan Sr and Bruce; his nieces Ebony, Nakia, Janel, Syreeta; nephews Terrell, Tyshaun, Edward Jr., William Jr., Kevin Jr., Jayden; greatnieces Tiana, Taniya, Peyton, Terrae, Amora; great-nephews Terrell Jr., Xion, Trenton, Isaiah III, Tyson, Bryce, and six bonus nieces and nephews, a host of Godchildren, cousins, uncle, aunts, extended family, and friends. There are so many to list however, please know John held all of you near and dear to his heart.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family
Opening Prayer Rev. Tyrone Zimmerman (cousin)
Scripture Reading Old Testament Psalm 23Ms. Juanita Walker New TestamentJohn 14:1-6Rev. Tyrone Zimmerman
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Tyrone Zimmerman
Hymn "Blessed Assurance"
Tributes
ObituaryMs. Cynthia Alladice
Hymn"Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus"
Eulogy Rev. Tyrone Zimmerman
Final Viewing Funeral Directors' Instructions
Recessional Clergy and Family

Interment Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

John's Ode to Us:

Remember Our Love I was chosen today I'm learning to fly The world took me away, But please don't cry. And I chose you today To try and be strong So please don't cry And don't say that I'm gone. When you're feeling alone Just remember our love. I'm up near the stars Looking down from above. Remember our love In a moment you'll see That I'm still here beside you When you're thinking of me. By Julie Epp-

Our Poem To John:

We Thought of You Today

We thought of you today, But that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday And the days before that too. We think of you in silence, We often speak your name. All we have are memories and Your pictures in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake From which we'll never part. God has you in His arms, We have you in my heart. -Unknown

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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