



## *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!*

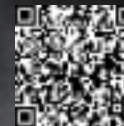
## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness  
shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE *Arthur Jacob Cherry Jr*

*Sunrise*  
March 2, 1980

*Sunset*  
October 27, 2021



## SERVICE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021 • 11:00 A.M.

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**PROPHET JOHN WALKER, OFFICIATING**



## *Reflections of Life*

**Arthur Jacob Cherry Jr.** also known as "**Lil Man and Jake**" of Newark, New Jersey was born on March 2nd, 1980 to Grace Michelle Strong and Arthur Cherry Sr. (predeceased). Arthur was born at 3lbs 14oz, yup he was a tiny baby. As a baby, his mother, Grace, would bathe him in the kitchen sink while his older sister, Cherisse, looked on in awe of her sweet baby brother. On several occasions, she would ask to help bathe him until one day she was allowed to do so and from then on she enjoyed caring for him. Both Cherisse and Arthur had a special indescribable bond between them.

He graduated from Saint Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, NJ in 1999. He was a proud Gray Bee, wrestling for them and earning the title of state and regional champion. As a young child, he played Pop Warner Football in the central ward of Newark. Later, he graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in political science with a minor in graphic art design from

New Jersey City State University. He was a great artist and a strong swimmer.

Arthur showed his mother great love, care, and respect. He often amused her by texting her "hey old lady, what's going on? How are you today?" She would often call him "My Son". She would reply "hey son, how's your day going?" With him then jokingly saying he's spending another day on the plantation. Arthur spent 16 years with Gateway Group One/ Porky's Products. The love, appreciation, and gratitude that has been expressed not only for his job efficiency but for how immensely he will be missed by his coworkers and superiors towards his family during this time of grief have been insurmountable. There are not enough words to express how meaningful all of the calls and texts have been to the family. And from his mother Grace, his sister Cherisse and his niece Kennedy "thank you for loving him and valuing him nearly as much as we do."

Arthur was a master chef. He liked to cook delectable meals. If he came to your house he would gladly hop on the grill or taste test your food. If you needed to know a recipe, you could call

him and he would eagerly tell you how to make the best dish. Needless to say, Arthur knew his way around the kitchen and knew how to get to someone's heart through his food. Arthur was also a great person and one of his parent's greatest accomplishments in life. If you could describe him as one thing it would be a gentle giant. He had a great sense of humor and brought joy to everyone's life, especially his mothers. He often greeted someone with a great big hug or a belly bump and a contagious smile. Often embracing them even more than he did the last time he saw them. Someone could always feel the love radiate from the inside out with Arthur. He loved the people closest to him with all his heart.

In addition to his father, Arthur Cherry Jr is also predeceased by his Uncles Michael B. Abadia, Robert C. Strong (wife Diane), Laurence "Larry" Strong (wife Diane predeceased), Jamal "James" Davis, Aunt Denise Strong, and Grandmother, Willie Dell Strong.

He leaves behind his grandmother, Mary Abadia, mother, Grace Michelle Strong, sister, Cherisse Monic Cherry, niece Kennedy Cherry, Aunts Stephanie Mosely-Davis (husband Jamal predeceased) and Kim Lipscomb (husband Douglas) who both especially had a hand in his life and he loved so much, Uncles Richard Strong (wife Debbie), Johnny E. Knight, and James Andrew Strong. He also leaves behind his girlfriend and Forever Love, Shakira Zimmerman, cousins Bonita Strong (partner Robert), Michael Colclough (wife Valerie), Delmond Maurice "Reese" Strong, Laurence "LL" Strong, Russell Strong, Kayla Lipscomb, Maurice Lipscomb, and David Lipscomb along with a host of additional cousins, friends, and friends from Porky's Products and Gateway Group One.

Arthur went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 27th, 2021 at the young age of 41. He was greeted into heaven by his dad, Nana, and uncles where he will live with them for eternity. Arthur Jacob Cherry Jr. will truly be missed by all, but he will always be by their side loving and caring for them in the same way he did when he was here.

## *Order of Service*

### **Processional**

### **Prayer**

### **Music Selection**

### **Speakers**

Kuris Elavia (CFO Gateway Group One)

Bonita Strong (Cousins)

Kennedy Cherry (Niece)

### **Music Selection**

### **Acknowledgement**

Family And Friends (2 Minutes)

### **Reading Of The Obituary**

Bonita Strong and Kennedy Cherry

### **Music Selection**

### **Eulogy**

### **Final Reviewing**

**Interment**  
*Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey*