

In Loving Memory of



Leo Derwin Carswell

1958 - 2022

**Saturday, March 12, 2022
12 Noon**

**Plaza Funeral Home
445 Monmouth Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302
Pastor Evett Simmons, Eulogist**

Obituary

Leo Derwin Carswell, affectionately known as “Derwin”, began his course Saturday November 15, 1958, in the Margret Hauge Hospital, Jersey City, New Jersey. Son of the late Leo Smith and Anna Mae Carswell, Derwin, was a kindred soul in form and fashion of his mother Anna Mae. None knew the lives he would touch and be a blessing to.

He was educated in the Jersey City Public School system. His natural talents garnered him several awards, certifications, and many accolades from those blessed to engage with him.

Gifted and entrepreneurial, with his Certificate of Completion in “All Branches of Beauty Culture” presented to him, August 3, 1979, by the Robert Fiance Hair Design Institute, Inc., NYC, in hand, not only did he become an accomplished cook, Derwin fashioned formal and casual wear along with hair styling and making up the faces of females here in Jersey City, New York City, Lineville, Alabama even on Saturday May 11, 1996 in Chase City, Virginia, was the Grand Opening of his very own “NEW IMAGE UNISEX BEAUTY SALON”!

Derwin brought his talents back to Jersey City. A true blessing to family, friends, and others he held dear. Besides working various positions, behind the many hats he wore: Cooking, Designing, Fashioning, and making people look their best he will be remembered. He was a natural on the dance floor, as well. Derwin had and shared his big heart!

We’ve here shared just a snippet of who Leo was. May our fond memories encourage our heart towards similar generosity and love.

Many are left as his living survivors, too many to list all: Sisters, Valerie Carswell-Jones (Geoffrey), Tamyika Carswell, Gloria Smith and Karen Smith-Young (Daryl); Brother, John Carswell (Hazel); Nieces, Tara Carswell-Bryant (Rashon), Jocelyn and “Danaya” Carswell; Grand Nephews, Keith (LaToya), Cory and “Peddie” Carswell, Four Aunts and a host of great-grand nieces, nephews, one godchild and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptural Reading.....Reverend Riccardo Davis

Old Testament: Psalms 118:1, 4-7

New Testament: Matthew 11:28-30

Solo..... Reverend Riccardo Davis

Acknowledgements and Obituary Reading..... Janard Jackson

Remarks..... Family and Friends

Solo.....Reverend Riccardo Davis

Eulogy..... Pastor Evett Simmons

Final Viewing

Final Disposition

Private

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you loved me, as much as I loved you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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