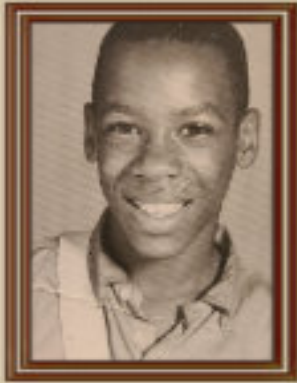


CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR A TRUE  
"KING"



SOLOMON SPENCER KING, SR.

SUNRISE

OCTOBER 21, 1952

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MARCH 22, 2022

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## “THE UNAPOLOGETIC STORY OF A LIBERATING KING”

IN HEBREW, “SOLOMON” MEANS MAN OF PEACE. TO KNOW KING SOLOMON (OUR SOLOMON) IS TO LOVE HIM... A MAN WHO DIDN'T MAKE ENEMIES. A KIND SOUL, HE WAS.

“KINDNESS AND FAITHFULNESS KEEP A KING SAFE, THROUGH KINDNESS HIS THRONE IS MADE SECURE” – SOLOMON

SOLOMON SPENCER KING, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS “KING” OR “SOL” TO FORMER COWORKERS, ASSOCIATES AND FRIENDS AND “UNCLE SOLOMON” TO HIS FAMILY WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 21, 1952 IN JERSEY CITY, NJ TO THE LATE MARIE KING AND HENRY WILLIAMS. HE WAS THE FOURTH SON OUT OF FIVE BROTHERS.

KING SOLOMON WAS EDUCATED IN BOTH SAVANNAH, GA SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. HE GRADUATED FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL ALSO IN JERSEY CITY, NJ. HE WAS VERY ATHLETIC AND PLAYED BOTH BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL VERY WELL BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE ELITE TALENTS HE POSSESSED WAS NEVER USED TO PURSUE AS A CAREER.

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, THE KING JOINED THE ARMY RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARDS SERVING 14 YEARS IN THE SERVICE. IN THOSE YEARS, HE BECAME A WELL-MANNERED SERGEANT OF HIS RANK BEING KNOWN FOR HIS NOBLE SKILLS AND SMART TACTICS. HE TOOK PRIDE IN HIS POSITION AND LOVE BEING IN THE SERVICE BUT LATER AWOL DUE TO FAMILY REASONS.

KING SOLOMON DIDN'T LET THE GRASS GROW UNDER HIS FEET AT ALL. HE WAS A MAN OF MANY TRADES AND DIFFERENT FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT. CERTIFIED IN PLUMBING, MAINTENANCE, BOILER OPERATOR, FORKLIFT AND SHEET METAL. OCCUPATIONS INCLUDED WORKING FOR MARGARET HAGUE, STAFFMARK, WAREHOUSES, BEING A BUS AIDE, GAS ATTENDANT AND HIS MOST KNOWN OCCUPATION WAS MAINTENANCE FOR JERSEY CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY WHERE HE WORKED FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS UNTIL HE BECAME DISABLED. KING ALSO HAD GREAT KNOWLEDGE WORKING ON CARS.

SOLOMON WAS A TRUE KING AT HEART WITH A FRIENDLY, CARING AND LOVING SPIRIT WHO GREETES YOU WITH THE BIGGEST SMILE WITH NO JUDGMENT OR DESPISE OF ANYONE AT ALL. IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD HE WAS ALSO KNOWN AS “THE MAYOR”. HE KNEW EVERYONE AND HAD THE LATEST SCOOP ABOUT EVERYTHING AND WHAT HAPPENED AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

SOLOMON, A BIG GIANTS FAN, LOVED HIS SPORTS, WATCHING FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL, MOVIES- FROM CLASSICS TO WESTERNS TO ACTION, THE GAME NETWORK CHANNEL AND CAN'T FORGET HIS FAVE SHOW “THE PRICE IS RIGHT.” HE WAS IN LOVE WITH FOOD ESPECIALLY HIS WIFE'S COOKING. YOU COULDN'T THROW NOTHING AWAY. JOKINGLY, HIS WIFE AND KIDS WOULD CALL HIM “MIKEY” OR WOULD SAY “GIVE IT TO THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL” HE'LL EAT IT BECAUSE HE WON'T TURN DOWN NO FOOD.

KING SOLOMON WAS A DEVOTED HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER. PRIOR TO MEETING HIS OWN “ARETHA FRANKLIN”, SOLOMON HAD A LOVING SON, ERIC MCCALLUM WHO WENT OFF AND FOLLOWED IN HIS STEPS GOING INTO THE MILITARY. HE MET HIS “ARETHA FRANKLIN” IN 1981, BEFORE MARRYING HIS LOVELY WIFE, WANDA BARRETT-KING IN 1984. THERE IS WHERE THEY BEGAN AN ENCHANTED LOVE STORY. THEY SHARED A BLISSFUL JOURNEY TOGETHER OVER FORTY PLUS YEARS. A HOME THAT WAS FILLED W/ LOVE BECAME NOT JUST THE TWO OF THEM BUT NOW A HOME OF FOUR, TAWANDA ANNETTE (OCTOBER 4, 1986) AND SOLOMON, JR. (JULY 1, 1988). SOLOMON LOVED HIS FAMILY AND MADE SURE IT WAS KNOWN, SHOWN THROUGH HIS ACTIONS AND FELT WHAT LOVE SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE AND FEEL ESPECIALLY THROUGH HIS WIFE. HE EXPRESSIVELY SHOWED HOW TO TREAT HIS QUEEN BY AT ALL COST AND WAS AT HER EVERY DEMANDS TO CATER, RESPECT, HONOR AND JUST ADORE HER.

KING SOLOMON WAS A MAN OF FAITH. A FORMER MEMBER AND BEAUTIFUL TENOR SINGER OF EMMANUEL PENTECOST BUT LATER IN YEARS BECAME A MEMBER OF MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE HE WAS BAPTIZED.

ONE OF KING SOLOMON'S BIGGEST JOYS IN HIS LIFE WAS HIS FAMILY AND HIS BEST BUD, KAIRO, OUR MALTESE YORKIE. KAIRO WENT EVERYWHERE WITH SOLOMON AND EVEN SHARED THE SAME LOVE AS WELL. YOU WOULDN'T SEE HIM W/OUT KAIRO AND THEIR BROWN, LITTLE CAR THEY DROVE AROUND IN UNLESS HE HAD TO GO SOMEWHERE IMPORTANT. SOLOMON LOVED HIS COFFEE AND HIS OATMEAL. HE HAD TO HAVE IT ALMOST EVERY DAY. HE LOVED AND ENJOYED HIS MUSIC, DANCING, TELLING JOKES, LAUGHING, GRILL, PLAYING HIS LOTTERY, GETTING HIS SCRATCH-OFFS, PLAYING CARD GAMES AND LASTLY, THE GAME OF CHESS. THE KING OF CHESS, HE WAS. HE LOVED IT AND LOVE TALKING HIS STUFF WHEN HE KICKING YOUR BUTT AFTER TEACHING YOU HOW TO PLAY.

KING SOLOMON ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST ON MARCH 22, 2022. HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS: MARIE KING AND HENRY WILLIAMS. THREE BROTHERS: BERGEN KING, HARRY AND HENRY WILLIAMS, JR. THREE NEPHEWS: MARVIN WILLIAMS, KENDALE KING AND LEE BARRETT. MOTHER AND FATHER-IN-LAW: EVA LENE AND LEE BARRETT AND SISTER-IN-LAW: DEBRA BARRETT.

KING SOLOMON LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, HIS WIFE: WANDA BARRETT-KING, 2 DEVOTED SONS: SOLOMON, JR. AND ERIC MCCALLUM. ONE AND ONLY, BELOVED DAUGHTER: TAWANDA KING. SIX GRANDS: EILEEN, JOSIAH, ERIN, ERIC, JUSTIN AND THE NEWEST ADDITION, HIS GRANDSON, MAKOA. ONE GREAT-GRAND: BRAYLON. ONE BROTHER: JEROME KING. ONE STEPBROTHER: KEVIN GOODSON. SIX BROTHERS-IN-LAW: JAMES, LEE JR., DALLAS, KEVIN, KEITH AND DAVID LEE BARRETT (ALL OF NC) FIVE SISTERS-IN-LAW: MARIONETTE, ROXANNE, SHIRLEY, AGNES AND EVA. FIVE NEPHEWS: RICHARD, HENRY III (DOOLEY), SCOTT, SLOAN AND STANLEY. TWO NIECES: MOIRA AND MORGAN. A DEAR, SPECIAL COUSIN: HENRIETTA LOPEZ AND HIS BEST PAL, DOG, KAIRO. A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS AND A MULTITUDE OF RELATIVES AND LIFELONG FRIENDS.

A MESSAGE TO YOU, DAD...

HAVING A FATHER IS AN AMAZING FEELING THAT I BELIEVE EVERYONE SHOULD EXPERIENCE. DAD, YOU WERE DEFINITELY A PEOPLE'S PERSON WHO ENJOYED BEING AROUND EVERYONE. ALWAYS BROUGHT AN ENERGY THAT WAS WORTH BEING AROUND. SOMEONE WHO ALWAYS HAD A STORY TO TELL. THROUGH THE UPS AND DOWNS WITH EVERY OBSTACLE YOU FACE, YOU ALWAYS REMAINED THE SAME. YOU DIDN'T MIND DOING ANY AND EVERY THING FOR PEOPLE. VERY UNSELFISH AND MINDFUL. EVEN IN MOMENTS WHERE THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WENT WRONG, YOU WOULD TRY YOUR HARDEST TO MAKE IT RIGHT. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT WAS GIVING THROUGH ALL ADVERSITIES BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE EVEN THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES AND THAT WAS BARELY, YOU SHOWED US YOU CARE AND HOW CONCERN YOU WERE. BEING IN ALL ASPECTS IN THE LIVES HE LOVED WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM. IN ALL THAT WAS DONE, AT THE END OF IT ALL YOU KEPT YOUR DIGNITY AND SHOWED GRATITUDE AND FOR THAT I'M 4EVER GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR BLESSING ME WITH A DAD LIKE YOU... I LOVE YOU AND REST WELL.- SOLOMON, JR.

A DAUGHTER'S LOVE...

THERE'S SO MUCH TO SAY WHEN IT COMES TO YOU THAT I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. TO SAY THAT A DAUGHTER'S LOVE IS LIKE THE BLOOD THAT KEEPS FLOWING TO KEEP THE HEART PUMPING STRONGER IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. THERE'S THE DELICACY OF ADMIRATION AND ADORATION WHEN IT COMES TO A FATHER AND DAUGHTER'S LOVE AND BOND. DADDY, MY LOVE FOR BOTH YOU AND MOMMY RUNS DEEP AND LONGER THAN THE NILE RIVER AND IT IS AS WIDE AS THE OCEAN/SEA. THE BOND THAT WE SHARED WAS TRULY DIFFERENT AND UNIQUE AND I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR THE WORLD. MY KING, MY STUBBORN CHESS PIECE, HOW CAN I EVER FORGET YOU? HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE EMBEDDED IN ME? A LOVE A GIRL HAS FOR HER FATHER IS THE EPITOME OF THE LOVE THAT GOD HAVE FOR HIS SON TO BE SITTING NEXT TO HIM AT HIS THRONE. MY LOVE FOR YOU IS STRONGER THAN A CATEGORY 5 TORNADO THAT BOMBARDS THROUGH THE LAND AND IT IS AS GENTLE AND PEACEFUL ON A RAINY NIGHT. I WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU SHOWED ME HOW A WOMAN SHOULD BE TREATED THROUGH THE LOVE YOU GAVE TO MOMMY. FOR THAT, I WON'T SETTLE OR LOWER MY STANDARDS FOR NO MAN! THE LOVE OF A FATHER IS THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH, THE GUIDED LIGHT TO ENDURE AND THE PROTECTION TO FEEL AND KNOW THAT SHE IS SAFE. I'M THANKFUL DADDY THAT GOD HAS BLESSED ME WITH YOU BECAUSE THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU WILL NEVER GO AWAY BECAUSE THE SINCERITY OF YOUR PURE HEART WAS FORMED ALREADY IN ME BEFORE I CAME INTO THIS WORLD. LOVED TO BE LOVED IS THE QUOTE THAT IS SO RELATABLE. WHAT AN EXPERIENCE I HAVE HAD THAT I WISH FOR EVERY YOUNG GIRL OR WOMAN TO HAVE BECAUSE IT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AND REALLY HELP TO SHAPE THE WAY A WOMAN'S PATH MAY LEAD TO AND FOR THIS I LOVE YOU MY GRUMPY, OLD MAN AND YOU WILL FOREVER BE MISSED.LOVE ALWAYS.

- TAWANDA

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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SCRIPTURE READINGS  
    OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23..... MORGAN WILLIAMS  
    NEW TESTAMENT: JOHN 14:1-4 ..... TONYA NELSON-WILLIAMS  
PRAYER OF COMFORT .....REV. BILLY RAY BARRETT OF GREENVILLE, NC  
MUSIC TRIBUTE ..... ANDREW KEMP (FRIEND OF FAMILY)  
REFLECTIONS ..... FAMILY FIRST, THEN PROCEED (LIMITED 11 PEOPLE - 1 MINUTE EACH)  
MUSICAL SELECTION .....TONYA BARRETT  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS.....MOIRA KING-KENNEDY  
OBITUARY.....MOIRA KING-KENNEDY  
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# 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 LOVE ME, AS MUCH AS I LOVE 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'S 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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THE FAMILY OF SOLOMON KING WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR ENDLESS PRAYERS, SUPPORT DURING OUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY, FRIENDS, MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, PASTOR, PRISCILLA JOYNER, PASTOR, ANDRE AND TAMMY BLOUNT AND THE FAMILY FUNERAL HOME ALONGSIDE WITH KENNY. AS EXPECTED, THE FAMILY WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ACTS OF KINDNESS AT A LATER DATE. CONTINUE TO KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

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