

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF



*Mark L. Tucker*

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April 30, 2022

SATURDAY, MAY 07, 2022 - 9:00 AM

TRINITY & ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL  
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*Rev. Petero Sabune*

# Obituary

**Mark A. Tucker** was born June 4, 1954, in Newark, New Jersey to Enoch Tucker and Rose Marie Austin Tucker. He lived in Newark's Central and North Wards while attending grammar and high school. Mark grew up attending St. Philip's Church and Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral on Broad Street where he was an altar boy.

While at Arts High School (1969) and as a member of the Downtown YM/YWCA, Mark was an accomplished scholar and athlete. Mark earned varsity letters in baseball and a four-year letterman in swimming. He also participated and excelled in other sports, like soccer and baseball. His earliest jobs were working as a Lifeguard at the YM/YWCA and as an apprentice carpenter with his father's construction company where he developed a strong work ethic. After high school, Mark attended Newark College of Engineering "NJIT", (1972) for a year prior to moving to Houston, Texas where he attended Texas Southern University on a swimming scholarship and became an integral part of the bowling team at the time. After several years of living and working in Houston, he moved back to Newark to support his family and his father's company.

Most important to Mark was establishing lifelong relationships and spending time with those he loved, including brothers Kenneth Tucker and David Tucker and best friends James Churchman IV and Dawud Akbar. Mark married Denise Harrell on December 26, 1976, and had two children, Nicole Tucker-Perry and Sean Tucker. Mark was a devoted father and often took on a father-like role to many, including Duane Whatley, Nygel Brown and Bruce Brown. Mark was extremely active in the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) at University High School donating his time and skills to improve the school facilities and along with a dedicated group of parents worked tirelessly to advocate for the best possible education for University students.

On August 29, 1998, Mark married his forever partner Elaine Rozier where he further extended his family. Mark and Elaine loved to spend as much time together as possible. They enjoyed movie dates, basketball games, traveling, and competing in billiards. Mark enjoyed improving their home where they loved to entertain family and friends. Mark always greeted you with a warm and affectionate smile.

Mark joined the Carpenters Union Local 253, and the relationship allowed him to eventually become Supervisor of Trades for the Newark Board of Education and a new Union Local Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 32, a position he loved. Mark's personality and management style served him well with his colleagues and helped to create a family-type atmosphere with them for 28 years.

Mark is survived by his wife Elaine, Nicole Tucker-Perry (Uahqi), Sean Tucker (Atchafala), Xavier Tucker, Xachary Tucker, Nygel Brown (Michelle), Duane Whatley (Danielle), Justine Avila (Amed), god daughter; Silvonne Webb, god sister, Jennifer Jean-Louis (Davis), Jadean Diaw (Leopold) , Akmal Rozier (Elizabeth), Jamal Rozier, Kamal Rozier, Grandchildren; Tucker, Alijah, Aariahanna & Alexander Rozier, Aga, Ab, Ouli, Asiya & Esea Diaw, Nygel II & Tre Brown. David Tucker (Theresa), Aunt; Margaret Johnson, Brother-in-law's; William Vick & Lawrence Richardson, Friend; Shaun Frierson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mark was preceded by Enoch Tucker, father; Rose Tucker, Mother; Kenneth Tucker and Ronald Tucker, brothers; Antoinette Moore, niece; Alneisha Andrews, great-niece; and Kevin Winston, Cousin-in-law

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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*

## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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