



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!

-author unknown

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR KENNETH RALPH DUDLEY

FEBRUARY 7, 1962 – SEPTEMBER 23, 2022



MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 - 11:00 AM

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OBITUARY

Kenneth Ralph Dudley aka “Kenny” was born on February 7, 1962 to the late Freddie Louise Jones and Kenneth Ralph Dudley. Kenneth later became a big brother to Eric Jones his only sibling and best friend. He was educated in the Newark Public School system. He attended Avon Elementary School in Newark NJ, Clinton Place Middle School (University High School. He graduated from Shabazz High School in 1980.

Kenneth, at an early age was fashionable and loved clothes. He was always coordinated and had a unique style for fashion. He was very big on cologne. And loved his white sneakers. His early years were spent traveling with his late mother and aunt to Philadelphia to visit his Aunt Val., Maryland and DC to visit his Uncle Othello (OT) the Attorney. He had cousins who were like brothers and sisters. Kenneth’s favorite saying was “Get up and see what the world is about” which was something that his mom would say to him when he was younger that he would say to his daughter Shaquana Dudley later on. Kenneth’s favorite music was Earth, Wind and Fire, Black Street, Janet Jackson, and Michael Jackson.

Kenneth met the love of his life, his wife, the late Deborah Harris. For 36 years, she was his devoted life partner. To this union Shaquana Dudley was born. She was the love of his life also! Kenneth and Deborah met on the radio during a meet and greet in New York. They shared countless hours talking before finally meeting. They also enjoyed raising their family, traveling, adventures, trying new things, good food, (Soul food and Kenny Buff sandwiches) for Kenneth loved to cook and also enjoyed collecting fish for the fish tank. Kenneth was a HUGE Mets fan! You better know it!

Kenneth was a devoted family man. Kenneth had a kind of blushing smile when he spoke of his family.

He loved his family. He loved a good time. (Parades, family outings and downtown NY) He had a special kind of laugh!!

Kenneth was a hard worker. He was employed at St. Vincents Hospital as a middle cook until the close of business in 2010. He was employed lastly at NYU Hospital as a Line Cook until 2022 where he retired. He attended a senior center in NY. He loved taking pictures at his outings. Kenny enjoyed dancing his two step move and was excited about learning the salsa at the center he attended. His most loving sense of happiness and strength was none other than when his grandson Hunter Purcell was born. He enjoyed reading to Hunter and Hunter knew where his Pop-Pop kept his reading books. His last encounter before transitioning was his grandson hunter reading to him as always before hunter goes to sleep.

Kenneth transitioned to heavenly peace on September 23rd 2022. He leaves to celebrate his life, his loving brother Eric Jones of Irvington NJ; his beautiful daughter Shaquana Dudley; loving step daughters Tamisha Harris, Alicia Harris and stepson Darnell, his grandchildren O’Malley Harris, Elizabella Parchment, Morgan Harris, Amira Parchment and Hunter parcel; his loving mother-in-law Bernice Harris, and loving sister-in-law Barbara Harris; his cousins Bernard, Sean, Michael, Quonda, Sandra, Sammy, Tasha, JP and nephew and niece and little cousin; A host of family in DC, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Special mention to his NYU family.

Sorrowfully Submitted, The Family

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT

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