



IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF
*Efrem
Tasewell
Howard*

Sunrise: March 2, 1968
Sunset: November 8, 2022

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022 - 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Edward Allen, Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Efrem Tasewell Howard, affectionately known as, “E”, a beloved family man, went home to be with the Lord on November 8, 2022. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on March 2, 1968 to Charlie and Verline Howard. He was one of three children. “E” was born and raised in Newark, NJ where he attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, and later went on to Newark Tech in Newark, NJ. He found joy in his work with Rosehill Cemetery, Wakefern Corporation, and later went on to work at Logistics in Edison, NJ.

He met “his everything” Marion E. Melford at Kmart, during his employment with an affiliate company, and they went on to share a beautiful life of 23 years together. Together they enjoyed working out, dining at their favorite restaurant, Denny’s, attending the flea market weekly, and getting their morning coffee. They built a beautiful life together as he supported his spouse through her battle with cancer and celebrated with her annually as a survivor of over 14 years.

“E” was a Jets and Mets fanatic, and took pride in his opportunities to provide words of encouragement and motivation to those recovering from a period of incarceration at Trinitas Regional Medical Center. He also served at the Rahway Food Bank for friends where he volunteered his time serving the people of the community. He had a loving relationship with his family and could frequently be found checking up on his parents, lending a helping hand, or offering his contagious smile.

He was preceded in death by his sister Rosalind Howard. He is survived by his son Michael, step children Latoya Melford, Jasmine Melford (Yacouba Traore), Jason Melford (Shonelle Melford), siblings Jerrell Howard (Michelle Howard), grandchildren Arionna Chavis, Georgiana McFarlane, Lamaya Williams, Jachai Melford, Moussa Traore, Harlie Melford nephew, Vasco D. Howard (Lareina Howard), great nieces and nephews Kenjuan Howard, Daquan Howard, Alexa Howard, Carlie Howard and a host of other family members and loved ones.

Order of Service

Prayer

Rev. Edward Allen

Special Selection

“God Is” Doreen Baker

Organist

Emory Lee

Reading of the Scripture

By Dorothy Haywood

Old Testament Psalm 27: 1-4

New Testament 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reading of the Obituary

Nakeisha Moore

Reflections

Jerrell Howard

Andre Williams

Eulogy

Rev. Edward Allen

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Family Acknowledgment

The Family wishes to express their
Sincere appreciation for the
Thoughtfulness, kindness, and
Courtesies extended during this time.
Your kind expressions of sympathy
During our bereavement have been
Comforting. May God bless you and
keep you in his care.

Until We Meet Again

*We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have never been forgotten
And you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain.
To walk and guide us through our lives.
Until we meet
again.*

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