



Celebrating the Life of
Abraham Isaac Ellis

JANUARY 26, 1985 - NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Celebration of Life
Thursday, November 30, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER UNIVERSAL BAPTIST CHURCH

253 East 153rd Street
Bronx, NY 10451

Obituary

Abraham Isaac Ellis was born on January 26, 1985, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and passed into heaven on November 9, 2023 in New York City.

Abraham was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and a Seizure Disorder. Despite these handicapping conditions, Abraham lived a full and busy life. Abraham attended school in the Bronx, first at IAHD, then P.S. 811X and graduated from P.S.186X. He then attended Jerome Belsom Adult Rehab Center. Having experienced many hospitalizations in his early life, he was known at school as, "The Come Back Kid" and the Bee Gees "Staying Alive" was played for him at school.

Abraham's school and social activities included experiencing horseback riding, starring on stage in a school play as The Lion King, trips to the Bronx Zoo, visits to The High Line, flying to Orlando, Florida visiting Orlando's famous Church Street and getting his picture taken as a race car driver. Abraham modeled a pin striped suit in Jerome Belsom's Annual Fashion Show, celebrated Malcolm X at the Schomburg Center by wearing cool sunglasses while visiting the Schomburg Bookstore, as well as accompanying his mother to her art studio at WorkSpace Harlem where he met many artists. Artists Patricia Cartledge, Stephanie Chisolm, Stevenski Brewster and John Van Means gave him original artworks which graced the walls of his bedroom.

Mr. & Mrs. Brewster saw fit that he went to school in style by gifting him many Polo hat and scarf sets. Abraham was also an Honorary Member of La Finca del Sur South Bronx Farmers. He enjoyed the outdoors and events there as often as possible. Abraham was blessed with three Pastors, Rev. William Fox, Rev. Dr. Timothy Birkett and Rev. Dr. Daniel Dupree. Abraham held a special place in the hearts of The GUBC Deaconesses and among the Church Alive office staff. He had his own reclining "office" chair at Church Alive, beside his mother's desk when she worked there on weekends.

Abraham made a special friend, artist Jackson Cesareo of the Museum of Natural History. Through that friendship Abraham enjoyed visiting the planetarium and other exhibits at the museum, including the exhibit on Insects, the Dinosaur Exhibit, with most featuring the extraordinary work of this talented painter, sculpture and all round artist. Abraham also made good friends at Bronxnet Cable. Making supportive friends with Alan Carlton, Gui Torres, Joe Boonchan and Michael Knobbe who always greeted him when present or inquired about Abraham when he was not with his mother at Bronxnet. He received a beautiful picture book entitled Re-Zoom by Hungarian artist Istan Banyai, from friend Michael Max Knobbe, Executive Director. The picture book tells a visual story that can be understood visually reading forward and in reverse.

Abraham enjoyed a wide variety of music and music videos. Kirk Franklin's Stomp, Smile, Looking Out for Me, as well as ZZ Top's Sharp Dressed Man and Extreme's King of the Ladies. The Andrews Sisters Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B was a favorite.

Abraham spoke through facial expressions and earned the title of "Mind Reader" at P.S. 186 because it seemed he could look at someone and approve or disapprove by the furrowing of his eyebrows at whatever they were about to do. What he enjoyed most was his own television at home. He had a way of letting his mother and his Home Attendants know by facial expression what he liked, disliked or when he did not want his tv watching interrupted.

Abraham's longevity can be credited to the love of his mother, his family, his two church families; Church Alive Community Church and The Greater Universal Baptist Church, along with the excellent medical care and respect he received from Lincoln Hospital for 31 years.

Abraham is survived by his mother, Stacey Ann Ellis of the Bronx, NY, his Grandmother, Patricia Thompson of Harrisburg, PA, his Uncles John Ellis of Silver Spring, Maryland, Oliver Ellis, Brian Thompson and Brett Thompson all of Harrisburg, PA and Aunts Cynthia Ellis, Brynn Williams, and Beth Rogers, all of Harrisburg, PA plus countless cousins and friends.

Abraham was a unique young man who touched many hearts. Rest assured, he is no longer battling handicapping conditions as he is in the presence of the Father, and it is well with his body and soul.

"THE COMEBACK KID"

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament
New Testament

Selection

Obituary

Reflections

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Final Viewing
As Directed By T. Carrillo Funeral Service

Recessional

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery
1500 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

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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