

# *Celebration of Life for*



## *Mark Anthony Elder*

**SUNRISE: January 28, 1973**

**SUNSET: March 27, 2025**

**Monday, April 7, 2025 - 11am**

**Divinity Missionary Baptist Church**

**227 Tremont Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018**

**Pastor Dr. Byron E. Lennon, Sr., Officiating**

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Selection.....“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”  
Elder Natasha Pile, Stroudsburg, PA

Old Testament ..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament.....John 14:1-6

Prayer ..... First Lady Margaret Lennon

Selection..... ”Rough Side of the Mountain”

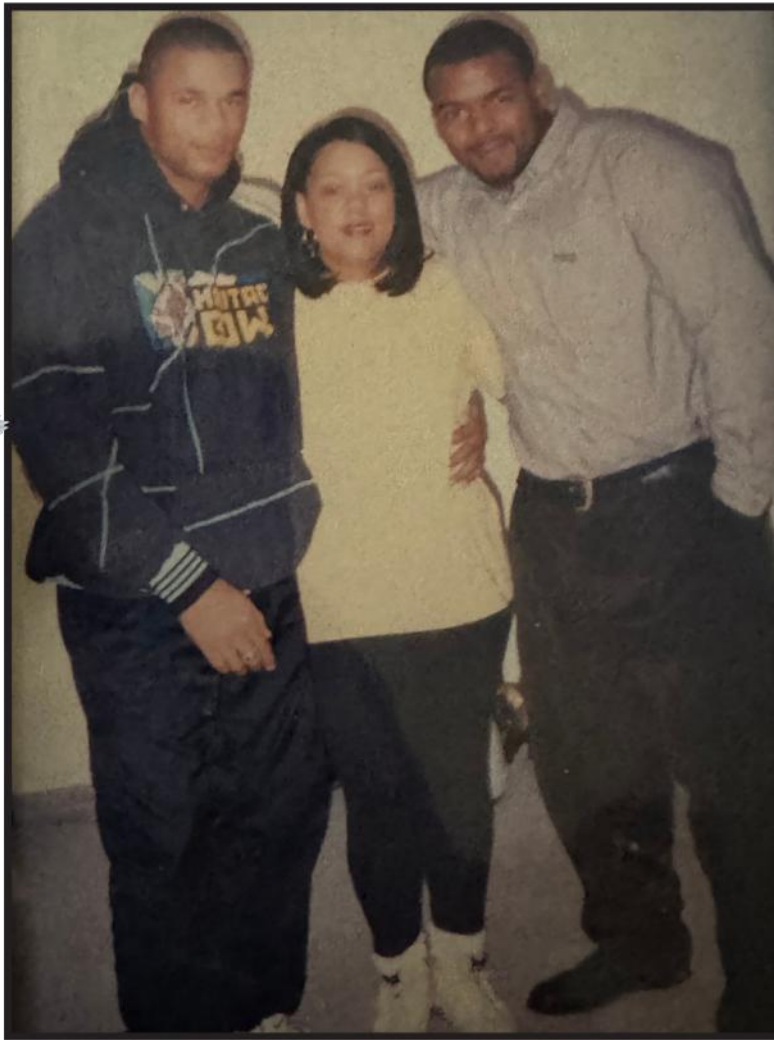
Remarks ..... Bishop Kenneth Pearman  
Reaching Out for Jesus Christian Center, Stroudsburg, PA

Reflections of Life..... Elder Natasha Pile, Stroudsburg, PA

Selection..... “Eye on the Sparrow”

Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Dr. Byron E. Lennon, Sr.

Recessional ..... “Going Up Yonder”



# Obituary

**Mark** was the youngest of two children born to Darryl, Sr. and Carolyn Jones-Elder in East Orange, New Jersey on January 28, 1973. He was predeceased by his brother Darryl.

Mark grew up in East Orange, New Jersey, yet attended and graduated from Montclair High where he was known as a “stand out” athlete in several sports, especially football. After graduating from Montclair High School in 1992, Mark attended Texas A & M University in Fort Worth, Texas where he studied for two years. Missing his family dearly, Mark returned to New Jersey to be near them.

Shortly afterwards, he met and fell in love with former wife Taliah S. Elder and her daughter Joi Hamm. The couple were married and out of that union three children were born, Janelle, Jawuan and Jada Elder. As the family grew, they relocated to Richmond, Virginia.

Mark was employed as a long distant driver in the Trucking Industry for many years, which provided for his family until they reached adulthood and became self-sufficient. The couple became grandparents to his only grandchild Saniya Marie Marrow age 3 which he affectionately called “Sunny Dough” the apple of his eye. The family lived in Richmond until the marriage ended and he returned to Montclair to begin a new chapter in his life.

Mark often attended Divinity Missionary Church in East Orange with his mother Carolyn, although he was not a member, he would sometimes attend services by himself demonstrating his strong faith in God by sitting in the front rows making his presence known.

Mark was currently employed by Montclair Township in Montclair, NJ, until a fatal accident ended his life on March 27, 2025. He will always be remembered for his affectionate smile and warm charm.

The tragic news of his passing devastated his family, friends, co-workers and all that knew him.

Mark leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Joi, Janelle and Jada; one son, Jawuan; one granddaughter, Saniya; a very devoted mother, Carolyn Jones; father, Darryl Elder, Sr.; one niece, Jahnai Elder; former wife, Taliah; three aunts, Mary Ann McCargo, Thomasine Morris, and Jacqueline Robinson (LeRoy); four uncles, Michael/Sandra Jones, James/Bertha Jones, Emerson Elder and Reginald/Lisa Elder; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, co-workers too numerous to list.



# Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern*

## SPECIAL THANKS

*A very special friend and mentor, Clifford V. James, best friends Keith Short and Charles Bennett of East Orange Church and Pastor Dr. Byron E. Lennon, Sr. Divinity Missionary Baptist Church, 227 Tremont Ave, East Orange, NJ 07018.*

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