



**Delvin Shapiro  
Jermaine Shapiro  
William Marty**

**Pallbearers**

**Charles Shapiro  
Jualmaine Shapiro  
Donte Satchell**

*After Glow*

I'd like the memory of me,  
To be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles, when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo,  
Whispering softly down the ways.  
Of happy times and laughing times,  
& bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun.  
Of happy memories that I leave behind  
When my life is done.  
Love Deown, Waka



**Acknowledgements:**

The family wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness  
shown to them during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!  
The Artis Family



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# CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*Deown  
Waka*



*Rodney S. Artis*

Sunrise: October 27, 1964  
Sunset: December 8, 2021

Saturday, February 12, 2022  
Viewing 9:00-10:30am  
Service 10:30am

Macedonia Baptist Church  
351 High Street  
Westville, NJ 08093  
Eulogist: Pastor Albert Morgan





You never said I'm leaving  
You never said goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
and only God knew why,

A million times I needed you  
A million times I cried  
if love alone could have saved you  
you never would have died

In life I loved you dearly  
In death I love you still  
In our hearts I hold a place  
that only you can fill

It broke my heart to lose you  
but you didn't go alone  
as part of me went with you  
the day God took you home

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
*The Church-Shapiro Family*

## *Rodney's Life Story*

**Rodney Artis** was born in Vineland, New Jersey on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1964 to the late Belma Artis and Willis Scott. He departed this life on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, suddenly at Einstein Medical Center.

He graduated from Vineland Senior High School. After graduation, Rodney moved to Philadelphia, New York, Georgia, Las Vegas and back to New York City. He loved traveling and pursuing his career in television and modeling. Rod worked for television stations such as CBS, Meredith, and Harry Connick Jr. Shows and worked for various modeling agencies.

One thing Rodney loved was spending time with his Waka's, great nieces and nephews. They were his children (as he would say). He also enjoyed being able to have fun and enjoy time with his cousins and family as well as doing anything and everything his way.

**Rodney** really lived his life to the fullest. Knowing Rodney was to love him and he was always making people laugh and have fun.

**Rodney** is survived by his two brothers, Leroy Church, Jr. and David Darnell (Ella) Robinson, and four sisters, Velvery Church, Shapiro (Charles), Marie Artis and Valerie Artis; God Sister, Arlene Bonner, and a host of aunts, cousins, and uncles.

**Rodney Artis** was predeceased by: his Mother, Belma (Church) Artis; Father, Willis Scott, Jr.; Stepfather, Morris Williams (Mole man); Grandmothers, Dollie Mea Artis and Lottie (Lady) Scott; Grandfathers, Willis Scott, Sr. and Haywood Artis, Sr.; Uncles, Haywood, Jerome, Maurice and Charles; and Aunts, Juinita and Barbara.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation	Pastor Albert Morgan
Processional	Clergy and Family
Prayer	Pastor Tashicka Hayes
Scripture Reading:	
Old Testament	Gary Brown
New Testament	Bobby Jackson
Solo	Madison Gullett
Acknowledgements	Arlene Bonner
Obituary Reading	Arlene Bonner
Poem	Zenia Mears
Remarks	2 Minutes Please
Solo	Ms. Joanna Bunton
Eulogy	Pastor Albert Morgan
Benediction	Pastor Albert Morgan

*Throughout my life I've been called many names.  
I've lived my life and did it my way.  
The name I cherish is the name I claim,  
A child of God is my favorite name.  
I did it my way.  
Zenia Mears*