



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 Steve



Acknowledgments

Our family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers, calls, cards, words of encouragement, and thoughts in this difficult time. We are truly blessed to have family & friends like you and are very much grateful for all that you have done.

The Petrose Family

Professional Services Entrusted To:

Circle of Life Funeral Home

822-24 Kaighn Avenue

Camden, NJ 08103

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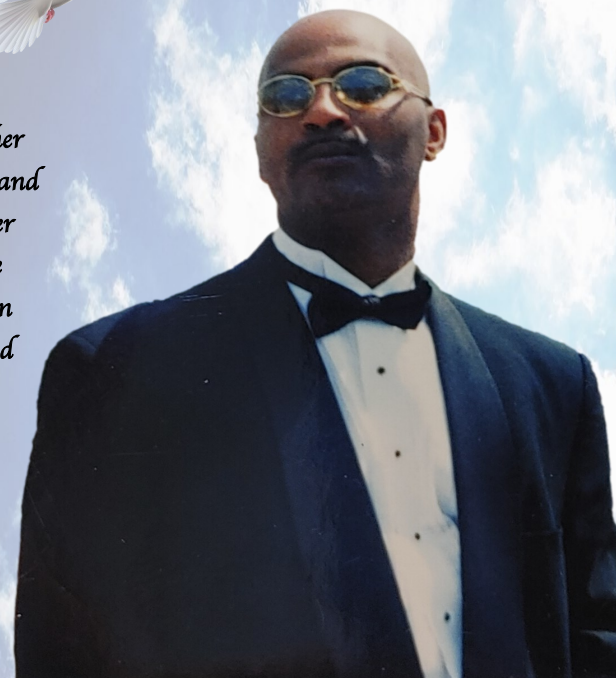
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A Celebration of Life



~Son
~Brother
~Husband
~Father
~Uncle
~Cousin
~Friend



Steven Petrose

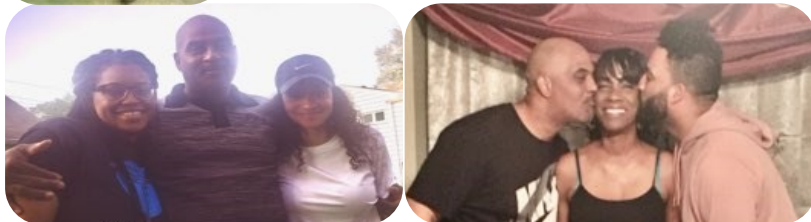
Sunrise
March 2, 1968

Sunset
February 14, 2022

Saturday, February 19, 2022
Viewing 1:00-2:30pm
Service 2:30pm

Macedonia Baptist Church
351 High Street
Westville, NJ 08093

Loving Memories



Order of Service

Processional

Clergy & Family

Prayer of Comfort

Pamela Bundy

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalms 23

Andrea Aumaitre

New Testament: St. John 14: 1-3

Sheleatha Battle

Acknowledgment of Cards

Karen Pierce

Selection

Jeff Money

Reading of the Obituary

Karen Pierce

Remarks

2 Minutes Please

Family Reflections

Dwayne Petrose

Steven DeSalles Petrose

Montez Petrose

Selection

Alanna Pritchett

Eulogy

Rev. Wayne Young

Pastor of St. Paul U.A.M.E. Church

Swedesboro, NJ

Benediction

Recessional

Clergy, Family, Friends

ORDER OF SERVICE

Cherished Memories



In Memory Of My Babe

*Losing a husband as special as you
has left my heart aching it's broken in two.
No words can describe all the grief and the pain
I'd give all I have just to see you again.
But you're with the angels and for now I can wait
For we'll meet again dear beside Heaven's gate.*



Steven's Life Story

Steven Brent Petrose was born on March 2, 1968, at Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ to his mother, the late Virginia "Babe" Petrose, and father - Wilbert "Woody" Holmes, Sr. A spiritual man, Steven offered respect to various beliefs. While he did not declare a religious creed; he acknowledged Jesus as the son of the Most High God. He was affectionately nicknamed "Dose," by his closest friends.

Steven grew up in Woodbury, NJ and was educated in the Woodbury City Public School District. Blessed with brains and brawn, Steven was an intelligent scholar and talented athlete. He played defensive back for Woodbury High School's football team, the "Thundering Herd" and helped his team secure the NJSIAA South Jersey Colonial Conference's *All Conference Award* in 1986. He graduated from Woodbury High School Class of '87 and enrolled in Potomac State College of West Virginia University; having earned a financial endowment for his athleticism. There, he attended class and played football for the "Catamounts."

In 1989, Steven became a father to his beloved son, Steven DeSalles Petrose. Throughout his childhood, the elder Steven received an immense amount of love and guidance from Daniel Ruff; a father figure to him. This relationship was one, among others, that influenced Steven - inspiring him to take parenthood seriously. He poured many values and life lessons into his child and together they shared an extraordinary bond of love and adoration.

During his years of occupation, Steven applied himself 100% toward his vocational endeavors and was known for his industrious work ethic. He was an employee for The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) for 10 years; and a dedicated member of the Transport Workers Union Local 234 for SEPTA Employees. In recent years, Steven embarked on an entrepreneurial journey. He acquired a real estate license and was in the beginning stages of launching a real estate firm that he named, "Real Estate Mindz." It is a business venture that he was incredibly passionate about.

Steven was a benevolent member of a group of lifelong friends - a brotherhood - who nicknamed themselves, the "C.A.Z.E.E.K.S." The name was an acronym to describe character traits that the men were striving to maintain. *Class, Ability, Zenith, Equal, Everlasting, Keen, and Strong* they are - and together will always be. For years, the C.A.Z.E.E.K.S. have served Southern New Jersey by providing community resources and youth mentorship.

In 1996, while working for the Underwood Memorial Hospital, he met Montez James - the woman who instantly became his confidante, best friend, and soulmate. Wed on August 26, 2000, they navigated through life as a tender and affectionate duo for a total of 26 amazing years. A power couple that connected in the mind, heart, and spirit; they were inseparable and shared a profound love for one another that will live on. Together, they reared Steven DeSalles and provided special love to their foster son, 3-year-old Cayson Cruz.

Steven valued spending time with his family & friends and enjoyed cooking on his grill. He was a loyal and die-hard Eagles and Knicks fan. One of Steven's favorite songs was "Golden Time of Day" by Maze featuring Frankie Beverly. He will also be remembered for his favorite saying - "Bloop!"

On February 14, 2022, Steven Brent Petrose was called Home to dwell with the Most High. He will be remembered as a man with an awesome sense of humor, contagious laughter, and pure heart. He will be remembered as a protective gentleman - family oriented, and generous. He will be remembered as a 'Man's Man' - charismatic, tenacious, and resilient. Steven did not judge people; he was honorable, fair, humble, and patient. His character was an illustration of God's Love.

Steven is preceded in death by his mother - the late Virginia Petrose; maternal grandmother - the late Flossie Petrose; and paternal grandmother - the late Gloria Holmes.

Steven leaves to cherish his memory: His devoted wife of 22 years, Montez Petrose; one son, Steven DeSalles Petrose; father, Wilbert Holmes, Sr., 4 siblings, Dwayne Petrose (Wanda), Terry Holmes, Wilbert Holmes, Jr., and Shawn Holmes - Suiter; mother in law, Shirley James; sister in law, Danielle Smalls; brother in law, Harry Smalls; a large number of aunts and uncles, yet he shared a special bond with John "Jack" Petrose (Mary Alice); Patricia Bundy (James); Fran "Muffet" Lester (Kevin); Beverly Holmes; and Shelly Scott (Phil); and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, though he shared a special bond with his nephew, Jace. Steven treasured his close friendships with his brother, Dwayne Petrose, Jeff Money, Ed Wheeler, Greg "Got" Johnson, T-rone Davis and Hakeem Young.



Beloved

ANDREW KERR

The tears that fall are many and our hearts are left to mend
 The void you left is plenty because you loved without an end
 Bless your Soul.
 Though absent from the body, you are present with the Lord
 God saw fit to bring you Home to bathe in Heaven's glory
 You are soaring with no limits, your Spirit gliding free
 We are all much better people because you cared tremendously
 Our Faith will securely guide us through this calm after the storm
 The same Most High that comforts us, now has you in His arms

By: A. Pritchett

