

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Anthony Staley Barnett Sr.

Sunrise
March 27, 1967

Sunset
November 27, 2021



Service

Saturday, December 18, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.

Franklin St. John's United Methodist Church

142 Maple Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112

Obituary

On Friday, November 27, 2021, Anthony Staley Barnett, Sr. suddenly transitioned from earth to glory.

On March 27, 1967, Anthony was born to the late David, Sr. and the late Beverley (Hall) Barnett in the city of Newark, NJ. He was the second of five children born to that union. Anthony was a graduate of Weequahic High School, Class of 1985. Soon after graduation, Anthony enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served until his September 1993 Honorable Discharge to pursue his passion for business and cooking. Always the entrepreneur, He owned his own restaurant in Newport News, Virginia for about three years, while barbering on the side.

In June of 1991, He married the love of his life, Chowan Coston, with whom he shared 3 amazing sons, and well as a bonus son. Tony was a natural mentor, teacher and advisor to his sons, co-worker and anyone who would listen.

Tony's worldview was pretty simple. Work hard for what you want and "don't sweat the small stuff". This philosophy, along with his wit and humor were the traits that saw him through life's challenges

Later, Tony would relocate to his hometown of Newark, NJ where he landed a position at Ikea in Elizabeth in the year 2000. This began what would be a lucrative career as he steadily progressed within the Company. In 2004, he relocated his family to Coatesville, PA to accept a promotion to Food Manager in the Conchocken, PA store, followed by Shop Keeper, Customer Service Team Leader / Manager and People Planning Specialist. In May of 2021 he achieved his ultimate goal as Accounting & Reporting Specialist at Ikea's Corporate Service Office.

In the interim, Tony earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Southern New Hampshire University, graduating in the class of 2019, He was a member of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons.

Tony was caring and had a big heart. In March of 2010, he and his wife opened their home to care for children in need. They fostered nine children and adopted one as Tony even gave his new son his name...Javier Anthony.

Tony was a hard worker, a provider, a loving husband, a protector, doting dad, soccer coach for his sons, foster parent, adopted parent, jokester, a good friend to many, a charming flirt and a great cook. One of his greatest joys was hosting family cookouts!

Preceding him in death are his parents, Beverley (Hall) Barnett and David Eugene Barnett, Sr.

Left to cherish his memories on earth are his wife, Chowan Coston: 4 sons; Anthony Jr., Antrean, Antwone and Javier; 3 brothers, David (Wanda) Barnett, Jr. Marqus Barnett and E. David (Jasmine) Chen Barnett, 2 sisters, Wendy Barnett and Tiffany Barnett. He is also survived by 4 nephews, Ahmad, Corey, Darrius and La-Quan, a niece, Brittney, 2 Great-nieces, London and Kai, as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Poem

Acknowledgments & Resolutions

Obituary

(Read silently)

Selection

Memorial Message

Rev. Zaniel Young

Recessional

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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