

## THE DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?



By Linda Ellis



**Floral Attendants**  
*Family & Friends*

**Casket Attendants**  
*Family & Friends*

### **Acknowledgments**

The Dye, Todd, Stukes & White families sincerely thank each of you for the acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you

- The Family



*Do all things decently and in order.*



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## Celebration of Life For **REGINALD DONELL DYE**



*Sunrise: April 1, 1970 ~ Sunset: April 3, 2021*

**Saturday, April 10, 2021  
12:00 PM**

**New Heights Middle School  
Gymnasium  
5738 Highway 151  
Jefferson, South Carolina 29718**

**The Reverend Loretta Cooper,  
Officiating**

**Order of Service**  
*Reverend Loretta Cooper, Officiant*

**The Prelude**

**The Processional**

**Solo** **Mrs. Melanie Davis**

**Prayers of Comfort** **Pastor Rodney Miller**  
*Berean Christian Church, Stone Mountain, GA*

**Scriptures:**  
**Old Testament** **Reverend Ellen Mackey**  
*Associate Pastor, Crossroad Baptist Church, Lancaster County, SC*

**New Testament** **Pastor Robert Miller**  
*Shama Worship Center, Pageland, SC*

**Solo** **Bro. Willie Hood**

**Affirmation of Faith** **#881**

**Gloria Patri** **#70**

**Remarks (2 minutes please)** **Ms. Cadejah Stukes, Daughter**  
**Dr. Omoro King, Former Principal of New Heights Middle School**  
**Coach Billy Blakeney, Coaches**  
**Student Moment**

**Acknowledgements** **Reverend Ellen Mackey**

**Solo** **Bro. James Caldwell**

**Words of Comfort** **Pastor Daron Robinson**  
*Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Pageland, SC*

**The Funeral Director's Brief**

**The Recessional**

**The Postlude**

***Services of Committal and Interment***  
***Sandy Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery,***  
***Jefferson, South Carolina***



**Obituary**  
***Reginald Donell Dye***

**Reginald Donell Dye**, a distinguished and admirable man of God, entered this realm on April 1, 1970. He was born to the parents of Flora White and Cardell Dye in Camden, South Carolina.

Loved by many, **Reginald** was a caring son, an exceptional father, dedicated brother, minister, and coach. As a child and young adult he attended Sandy Grove United Methodist Church in Jefferson, South Carolina. A man of various gifts, **Reggie** enjoyed playing basketball, kickball, football, writing poetry, painting, traveling, and mentoring to the youth. He traveled the world ministering the gospel to countries such as Haiti, India, Uganda, Ghana, the US, and South Africa. Studying at several colleges, he held an Associate Degree from Columbia Junior College and a Bachelor of Science from Morris Brown College. He enjoyed educating himself and teaching to the masses.

In his later years, **Reginald** was employed at the YMCA after relocating to Atlanta, Georgia. He joined Berean Christian Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia where he served as a minister, Director of BCC Summer Camp, and Director of Ministries. After lovingly departing Berean, he relocated to the Middle East in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. **Reginald** worked as a Support Specialist while coaching soccer and basketball in his time there. Traveling back to his roots, he settled in Pageland, South Carolina where he held the position as a Parent Liaison and Athletic Director at New Heights Middle School in Jefferson, South Carolina. **Reginald** considered it an esteem honor and privilege to lead the youth. He spent over three decades being a great role model and father figure to troubled youth. Dedicating his life to inspiring, uplifting and helping hundreds of children, he was an extraordinary man. **Reggie** was affectionately called Coach, The Champ, BK and Superman by his students, daughter, close friends and family members. He was deeply loved by his community and all over the world. Prior to his death, he was accepted into a Master's Program for Educational Leadership at Texas Southern University.

Gracefully joining his ancestors on Saturday, April 3, 2021, he leaves behind a beautiful legacy to a beloved **daughter**, Cadejah Stukes of Charlotte, NC; amazing **mother**, Flora White of Bethune, SC; his loving **father**, Cardell Dye of Columbia, SC; a caring **step-father**, Lloyd White of Bethune, SC; **step sisters**, Tracie Jones of Augusta, GA, Lashawna Kirkland of Columbia, SC, Crystal White of Cassatt, SC, Tonika White of Columbia, SC and Adrianna White of Rembert, SC; a **special friend**, Cheryl Pratt of New Jersey; a host of aunts and uncles, cousins, mentees, colleagues, close friends and the students of New Heights Middle School.

**Reginald** was preceded in death by two older brothers, Tony Todd and Kevin Johnson.