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Friends and Family

Pall Bearers
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Acknowledgements

Our family would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, words of comfort, and prayers extended during our time of bereavement. May God forever bless and keep each one of you in His tender, loving care.



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Celebration of Life

In Loving Memory

of

Curtis James Starks, Jr.

Sunrise

March 30, 1991

Sunset

August 20, 2021



Homegoing Service

Saturday, September 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Corinth A.M.E. Zion Church

491 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Siler City, North Carolina 27344

Rev. Verlon O. Anderson

Pastor

Order of Service

Reverend Sylvia N. Branch, Officiating, Senior Pastor,
O'Bryant Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Chapel Hill, NC

PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy & Family

MUSICAL SELECTION

FINAL VIEWING.....Family Only

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8Andrew R. Starks
Deacon, Sharon Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13* ..Kimberleen Wilson
Deacon, NTL Armor Bearer Adjutant
Freedom Flow Fellowship, Clinton, MD

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Apostle Dr. Tracy A. Brower,
Eighth Day Global Ministries, Raleigh, NC

SOLOReverend Sylvia Branch

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Norma Boone
Corinth A.M.E. Zion Church, Siler City, NC

OBITUARY.....Kendall E. Alexander, Special Friend

REMARKS(Please Limit to Two Minutes)

CALL TO SALVATION.....Reverend Sylvia Branch

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT
Corinth A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery
Ross Avenue
Siler City, NC 27344

REPAST
(To be announced)

From Mom and Dad

To Our Son

We have loved you

Nurtured you

Carried you

And protected you since before you came to be

And watched you laugh, learn, grow, and become a man

Your time on this earth was so precious to us

But to your rightful home you must return

The pain is heavy, we have shed many tears,
and our hearts are tired

Yet we are glad your suffering is through

Our unconditional love for you always lives on

And we will carry many special memories of you

There will be days where we will miss you much

But trust that the Lord will reunite us
in the kingdom of heaven

Where we will be a complete family in love once again



Curtis would not want us to be sad, so we must share and cherish the fond memories we have of his life while he was here with us as he will continue to be deeply loved by all those he touched.

Celebrating a Loving Soul

The beautiful gift from God, Curtis James Starks, Jr., was a kind, sweet, genuine, and loving young man known by many names by those who interacted with and cherished him. He was known as Curtis, C-Note, Caesar, Curtie, Curt, Harvard, and affectionately CJay and SonShine by his parents.

On the spring day of March 30, 1991, Curtis James Starks, Jr. was born in love to his doting parents Bernita Francine Mapp and Curtis J. Starks, Sr. in Philadelphia, PA. From his birth to the age of seven, he was shared by his parents and paternal grandparents Joan and Charles Starks in their family home where he developed an incomparable bond with his father until his sudden transition.

Curtis was a city boy, but country modified as he would often spend long summers and holidays with his maternal family in Siler City, NC, specifically with his grandma Ruth. He would often share childhood memories he and his cousins created during their time together.

Faith and spiritual foundation were at the root of his life. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and savior at an early age, and was baptized at the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Philadelphia in 1991. Throughout his life, he attended several Baptist, A.M.E. Zion and Catholic churches with his family in Philadelphia and in Siler City, NC when he visited.

After attending and graduating from his parents' alma mater West Catholic High School in 2009, Curtis attended the prestigious Historically Black institution Tuskegee University in Alabama. He was extremely proud to matriculate here with like-minded colleagues sharing laughter, engaging in debates, and creating lasting memories. Curtis had a fierce work ethic, and began his career at the United Parcel Service (UPS) where he was beloved by many of his coworkers and built genuine working relationships.

A man dedicated to the betterment of his community, he was an avid volunteer and became increasingly passionate about social justice issues that affected inner cities. He had a special interest in politics and civic engagement, and was a consistent voter since the age of 18. Curtis really enjoyed having a good time and seeing others enjoying themselves. He was always one to lift someone's spirit with a simple joke or a musical anecdote.

Curtis was exposed to and experienced many wonderful opportunities in his life. He loved to use dance as an outlet to express himself, and you could often find him sweating it out on the dance floor enjoying the music that moved him. In addition to dancing, his other passions included swimming, traveling, reading, and fervently debating anyone who was up for the challenge on any topic. He truly loved to watch, analyze and critique film. He could wax poetic about a particular director, the themes, color schemes, and actors they used, the editing styles and music selection chosen, and the significance of digital versus 8mm film (film was his favorite).

Anyone who truly knew Curtis knew how genuine and kind he was. His infectious, jubilant, high-pitched laugh was indicative of the person he was: upbeat, affectionate, and delightful. Curtis James Starks, Jr. was called home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, August 20, 2021. His sudden and shocking passing is a stain on the many hearts that he touched in his lifetime. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Burleigh Mapp, Sr., Charles and Joan Starks, uncles Burleigh "Toby" E. Mapp, Jr. and Charles Ronald Mapp, aunts Saheedah McDuffie, Linda Mapp and Phyllis Mapp Siler, and cousin Mijuel McDuffie.

Curtis leaves to mourn: parents Bernita Francine Mapp and Curtis J. Starks, Sr.; maternal grandmother Ruth Brower Mapp; uncles Richard O. Mapp (Fran), Bruce A. Mapp, Sr. (Stephanie), Theodore "Teddy" A. Mapp (Charlene), James "Bikim" Davis, Ralph Starks (Nasi), Andrew "App" Starks (Vashiti); aunts Winnie Smart-Mapp, Isabelle R.S. Mapp, Jessie Moise, Stephanie Degradlenreidt, Patricia Deloatch and Patricia Hayes; godparents Herbert Bracy (Yvonne) and Marsha Billups; special uncle William Emery III; a plethora of aunts and uncles from Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi and numerous organizations; close friends Jordan Dillard, William Emery IV, Michael Headen, Malik Neal, Haftom Khasai, Ventris Jenkins, Kamari Marsh, Christopher J. James, Shaun Lutterloh, Kendall E. Alexander; special cousins Andre "Earl" Mapp, Jalyl "Jolly" Mapp, and Bruce "Bam" Mapp; and several extended family, friends, co-workers, classmates, and colleagues.