

PSALMS 3:3

*But You, O Lord, are a shield for me.
My glory and the One who lifts up my head*

PSALMS 3:4

*I cried to the Lord with my voice,
and He heard me from His holy hill.*

PSALMS 4:8

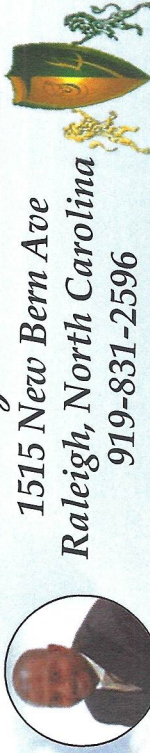
*I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;
for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

Thanks & Appreciation

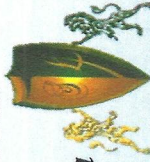
*The family will fellowship with service attendants in Roberts Park
beginning immediately after the service until 6:00 p.m.
A repast will be served, and offers of refreshments are warmly welcomed.*

Professional Services Entrusted To:

Steven L. Lyons Funeral Home



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IN LOVING MEMORY

Mr.
DAVID
Fitzgerald
DILLIHAY

FEBRUARY 19, 1964 ~ APRIL 28, 2021



FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021
11:00AM

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1515 NEW BERN AVENUE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Order of Service

OPENING MUSICAL SELECTION

"Take Me To The King"

Tamela Mann

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 3:3-4

Psalms 4:8

MUSICAL SELECTION

"Grandma's Hands"

Bill Withers

OBITUARY READING (SILENT)

"What a Wonderful World"

Eva Cassidy

EULOGY

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING MUSICAL SELECTION

AND DISMISSAL

"We Gonna be Alright"

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REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

David Fitzgerald Dillihay was born February 19, 1964, in Atlantic City, NJ. The quintessential middle child, David was cute and loving as a little boy, but also mischievous and quite precocious. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, as well.

David was what his mother called a "wanderer." He loved to travel. As an adult, he regaled you with his "true stories," about where his travels took him. Friendly and engaging, he seemed to make at least one friend wherever he went.

In the early 80s, David joined the Army reserves. Thereafter, he earned his GED, and then a certificate in Barbering and Cosmetology from the Vocational Technical Institute in Vineland, NJ. David moved to Raleigh, NC in the mid-90s. After stints as a barber and as a construction worker, David discovered his professional passion as a painter/painting subcontractor, painting model homes and businesses. A perfectionist, a favorite contract was at the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, DC, where he worked through three congressional election cycles (maybe YOU heard his story of the time he painted in his "tightly whiteys").

David also loved music and, especially, live performances. While his musical taste was eclectic, his favorite genre was GoGo. If David was listening to Rare Essence, Trouble Funk or Chuck Brown, you knew it! They would be, "in the pocket," and he would be jamming! And whether he was dressed up in a suit or dressed down casual, he had sway from head to toe. Yes indeed! David especially loved his grandmother, and when she fell terminally ill, he travelled from NC to NJ as often as possible, just to lift her spirits and make her smile.

On Veteran's Day, 2019, David suffered a massive stroke which left near complete paralysis on his entire left side. Despite this, and with encouragement from family and good friends, he was motivated to become mobile again. And he did. After 3 months, he was able to leave the hospital. David continued recovering first with his aunt, Annette, in Georgia, and then with his sister, Robin, in Maryland. But he longed to return to Raleigh, and finally did so in April 2021.

Sadly and suddenly, David Fitzgerald Dillihay departed this life on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. His passing was preceded by that of his beloved maternal grandmother, Betty Dillihay (NJ), his maternal grandfather, Ernest Dillihay (AZ), his father, Robert Kirkland (NJ), and a favorite cousin, Michael Stewart (NJ).

David leaves behind and will be greatly missed by his mother, Rosella (Charles) Corbin-Brown (MD); his devoted sister, Robin Dillihay (MD); his younger brother, Terrence (Victoria) Corbin (VA); his aunt, Annette (Larry) Robinson (GA); his uncles, Richard (Bernadette) Dillihay (NJ) and Ernest Dillihay (AZ); his niece, Yolanda (Kenneth) Robinson (MD); his nephews, Tailen (NY) and Trey Corbin (AZ); his adopted son, David Fitzgerald Henry (NJ); forever friends, Barry Turner (GA) and Charles Jones (FL), his former long-time companion and faithful friend, Verlanda "Jeannie" Dawson (NC); and a host of other loving family and friends too numerous to name.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love, comfort and support during this time of great sorrow. As David would say, "Alright! Alright! Alright!"