

Celebration of Life



Drake A. Benson

SUNRISE
06.19.1957

SUNSET
12.18.2016



SERVICE OF VICTORY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016

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701 FELTON AVE, SHARON HILL, PA 19079

Drake Arthur Benson

Drake A. Benson entered into this life on June 19, 1957 to the late Vernon Benson, Sr. and Grace P. Benson. He was called home by the angels of the Lord; Sunday, December 18, 2016 at Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital, Darby, PA.

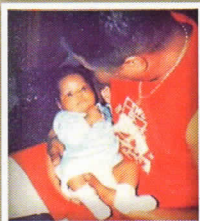
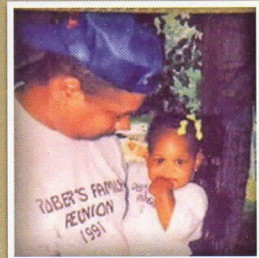
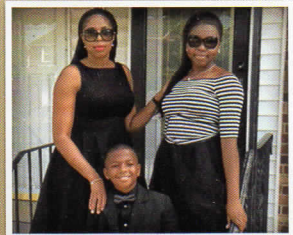
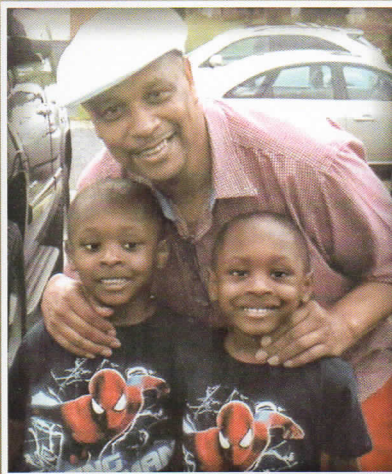
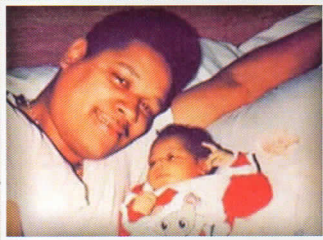
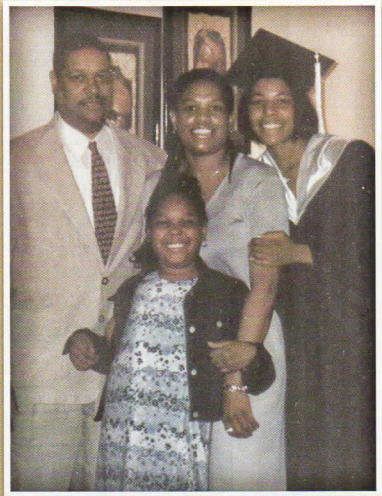
Drake was educated in the Darby Township School System. He graduated from Darby Township High School in 1975 where he was a three sport (track, football and basketball) athlete. Upon graduation, Drake was employed by the Bookbinders Book Bindery in Darby, PA. He was later employed at the Philadelphia International Airport and as a Logistical supervisor at Apria Healthcare.

Drake was an avid Philadelphia sports fan; he was always rooting for the 76ers, Phillies and Eagles. Drake was a member and officer of the former Klub Hawks, Inc. Social Club. His passion for the game of pinochle led him to master the game. He is a proud holder of 1st place trophies for the game. His weekly game time with her mother Grace Benson, Aunt Nita and Sam Peay were ritualistic! Another favorite activity was spending time with his late father-in-law Mr. Warren G. Stewart, Sr.

Drake was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Benson Sr., sister Erica McCollough and brother Vernon Benson, Jr (Ruth).

Drake leaves to cherish his memory; his wife of 28 years, Audrey; son Drake Chestnut (Daenea); daughters: Drayon Benson and Shanea Stewart; Grandchildren: Sanai, Eric Jr. (Diddles), Chase, Ryan and Ayden; mother Grace Benson; brothers: Bruce (Toni) and Ira (Kia); mother-in-law Lillian K. Stewart; brothers-in-law: Warren Sr. (Tanya), John, Rodney and Kevin (Deana); sister-in-law Bette Stewart; caring and loving God mother, Florence Harrison; God daughters: Brittany Lee Benson and Chantel Benson; special friends: Renaldo "Lep" James and William "Billy" Johnson along with a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

Prayerfully submitted, The Family





THE ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIANT: REV. ALFRED S. PARKER, JR., PASTOR
MT. ZION C.M.E. CHURCH

- Organ Prelude Musicians
- Processional Ministers, Clergy & Family
- Closing of the Bier Claude J. Edney Funeral Home Staff
- Hymn of Praise "Blessed Assurance", #27
- Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Sylvester Clark, Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Darby, PA
- Ministry of the Written Word
New Testament - John 14:1-6
Old Testament - Psalm 23
- Ministry of Song Joseph Barton
- Resolutions, Cards & Acknowledgements
Rev. Claudia Fillis, Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church
- Obituary
- Family Tribute & Remarks (2 minute limit respectfully)
- Words of Comfort
- Ministry of Song Joseph Barton
- Eulogist
Rev. Joseph P. Benson, Unity Christian Church, Wilmington, DE.
- Benediction/Recessional


Interment - Private

Repast

Mt. Zion C.M.E. Church

John W. Nance Fellowship Hall





My Daddy
My one true rock

A shoulder in which I could rely on for whenever I was angry or when I needed a good cry
It was just the other day I felt you and you were warm
But You're not in any more pain. You've been released from you storm
You've been suffering for quite some time
So God said it was your time
God is with MY DADDY wrapped up in his arms
Sheltered from illness and sorrow keeping him from harm
Here with me you will always be
I'm going to miss your smile, laughter, telling jokes and keeping the family alive
Most of all; you driving around the town, thinking you got style
MY DADDY; the greatest man I knew
I promise in every moment of my life I will always remember you
I will make sure I tell Ayden about his Pop Pop and why we couldn't stay
I will tell him he is heaven now smiling down and never looking away
I bet MY DADDY sees us mourning but would want us to smile
And tell us our time apart is only for a little while
I love MY DADDY

And I'll miss you more than you'll ever know and as much as this hurts me-I'm letting you go.

DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL.....DRAYON

Pop Pop gave is everything we asked for. Pop Pop I just wish I could have you back. I really didn't get a chance to say goodbye. That's why I sit and cry. Pop Pop you really meant a lot to me. You were more than just a Pop Pop you were like a father to me. You were always cheering me on at all of my dance recitals. You would always surprise me with a bouquet of flowers. I wish you didn't have to go. It hurts that you are not here anymore. But, I won't be selfish because you are no longer in pain; heaven has gained. Diddles and I can't express the love we have for you, because Pop Pop Drake you always knew what to do. You will always be a big part of our heart, but life in eternity is where you will start. Again, Pop Pop we will miss you the most; just make sure that we stay close. So rest easy because you are with Pop Pop Warren.

- Love you always and forever, Your loving granddaughter, Sanai (Choc) Stewart

Drake aka "The Full Moon" and I played football and ran track. He was my best friend and brother. Even when I left Sharon Hill and joined the Army and had to medically retire, we kept in touch. We would talk at least twice a week as if I still lived down the street from him. He took real good care of me when I would visit. He drove me back and forth for my dialysis treatment; he never complained. He's my bother and I will miss him. Rest in peace Drake "Full Moon" Benson.

- Renaldo "Lep' James

Thank you for always checking up on me and supporting my weird ideas. You were a great man Uncle Drizzy, one of the best examples I had and in the end, I don't care what those doctors said, you had a perfect heart.

- Niece, Nicole Stewart





Drake,

Hope kept me strong and your will to live made me even stronger than I ever knew I could be. We went at this together -- as a team and although I'll never fully understand what it was like for you, I'm so thankful for each day and how far you had come these past few years. You were one of daddy's favorite ppl to cruise around with but like daddy, your troubles are no longer. Too soon, I now have to face that reality again ... I held your hand as you left here and I thank God that we were able to be together during the end -- as a team. I am so proud of you Drake so these tears are not just from extreme sadness but from indescribable love and adoration. I will forever miss my guy!

- Love Audrey



Thank You

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the members of the L-VAD team at Jefferson Hospital for all of the dedication and efforts to provide quality care over the past year. You were a heartwarming blessing to the entire family. Special thank you to two special cousins; Diane and Denise Roberts. We will always remember with gratitude your thoughtfulness and kindness during Drake's hospital stays. The family wishes to acknowledge everyone with deep appreciation for the many acts of love, concern and kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and keep you. - The Benson Family



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