

Celebration of Life
for
Antonio Juan Fernandez

Sunrise

May 25, 1961

Sunset

April 19, 2015



Memories

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Life Celebration

Monday April 27, 2015 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Viewing: 9:00 A.M. ~ 11:00 A.M.

Claude J. Edney Memorial Chapel

*634 Sharon Avenue
Sharon Hill, PA 19079*

Rev. Tracie Gatewood, Eulogist



Life Reflection of Antonio Juan Fernandez

Antonio Juan Fernandez, affectionately known as "Tony", was born in Plattsburgh, NY on May 25, 1961 to John Henry Fernandez and Lois Fernandez Powers. He departed this life on Sunday, April 19, 2015.

Tony was baptized at the age of thirteen at Christ Like Faith Baptist Church and received his education in the Philadelphia school system graduating from Parkway Gamma High School. After graduation he attended Temple University College to study film directing and photography.

On March 6, 1993 he started working for the United States Postal Service; where he worked for over 22 years.

Tony had several hobbies which included: photography, bike riding, martial arts (black belt) and deep-sea diving. He also enjoyed traveling; he drove from Philadelphia to Los Angeles, California and back. He especially loved cities next to the oceans. He often visited Atlantic City, New Jersey; Ocean City, Maryland; and Nassau, Bahamas.

Tony was not a big gambler, but loved the casinos: Harrah's in Chester, casino's in Las Vegas and the Bahamas. He enjoyed taking his nieces and nephews along with him to some of his travel spots. He also enjoyed going to the basketball games with his uncle, Donald; and nephews: William "Mook" and Raheem.

Tony enjoyed family gatherings around the holidays and watching the looks on our faces when he gave us our gifts. He was tech savvy; owning an Ipad, Ipod, Iphone, PlayStation® 3, Xbox 360, and a top-of-the-line custom built computer, and any application you could dream of.

He loved sports and attended the first event in Lincoln Financial Field on August 3, 2003. He witnessed the European best soccer teams; Manchester United from England and Barcelona football club from Spain with 55,000 other soccer fans.

He also loved movies and had a library of over 500 recorded, and was very knowledgeable and any facts or names, he knew them all.

Antonio was preceded in death by his father, John Henry Fernandez.

Antonio leaves to cherish many memory: his mother, Lois Fernandez Powers; one sister, Lynda Fernandez; two aunts: Sandra Ruth Stives and Yvonne Fernandez; two uncles: Walter Grattic and Ormond Fernandez; one niece, Chinara Fernandez Stroman; two nephews: Raheem Rashad and William Haith; two great-nieces: Kayla Sutton and Gianna Rashad; one great-nephew, Raheem L. Rashad and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Sorrowfully & Prayerfully Submitted, The Family



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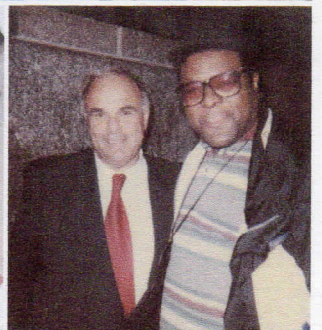
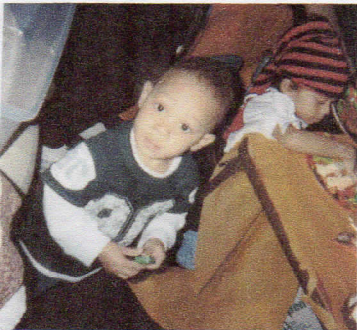
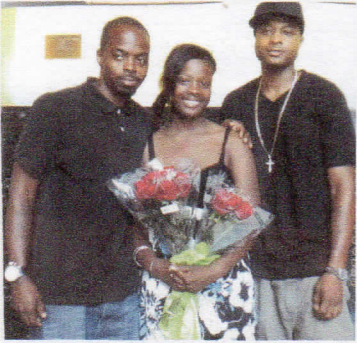
*His Life a beautiful memory
His absence, a silent grief,
His soul lives in God's beautiful garden
In the sunshine of perfect peace*



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Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional ~ Minister & Family

Selection of Faith

Scripture Readings ~ Rev. Tracie Gatewood

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort ~ Rev. Tracie Gatewood

Selection of Faith ~ "Precious Lord"

Poems, Family Tributes & Remarks ~ (2 Min. Limit Respectfully)

Acknowledgements of Cards & Resolutions

Life Reflection Reading (Obituary)

Final Viewing / Closing of the Bier, Claude J. Edney F. H. Staff

Selection of Faith ~ "Nearer My God To Thee"

Message of Faith (Eulogy) ~ Rev. Tracie Gatewood

Benediction / Recessional

INTERMENT

Mt. Lawn Cemetery

REPAST

To Be Announced

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



My Son, My Son

*You made peace, peace, with the father,
You made peace, peace, with the Almighty living God
Life, Life is a a vapor, you closed your eyes,
In a twinkling, a twinkling of an eye,
Your soul, your soul, returned to God*

*Son you did not make a big to do; because you heard God calling you
Calling you to come home, to leave the turmoil and the stress.*

No more sickness, no more unrest.

Son you're now with the heavenly father, you're so truly, so truly blest.

Your tenure here on earth was a pleasure, one I enjoyed immensely.

Fifty-three years of eternal bliss is what you, what you gave to me.

*Son you brought sunshine and happiness to your nieces and nephews,
they loved you to death.*

Son you'll be sadly missed, but never forgotten,

We'll cherish you and our hearts.

Now it's time for you to return to the creator,

The one who made Heaven and the earth.

When we shed tears, it's tears of joy.

Joy that God brought you into our lives, many years ago.

Son your body, your body will return to the earth, will return to the dust.

*But your spirit, your spirit, will always remain with your mother,
who gave you birth.*

*My prayers for you will never end. I'll hold you close, Close to my bosom,
until, until the end.*

Thanking God every day, for giving me the opportunity to raise you.

A fine young man, that was kind, thoughtful and caring too.

Son, son that was you.

*When my husband passed away, you stepped right in,
and filled the void, left in my life.*

giving me the strength, and fortitude to keep pressing on,

To be here for all of my grandchildren, who you loved dearly too.

To Those I Loved & Those Who Love Me
When I am gone, release me let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years
I gave to you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you all for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled alone
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by my trust
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call me and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen within your heart you'll hear
My love all around you soft and clear
And then when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"Welcome Home"

A Note Of Thanks & Appreciation

family of Antonio Juan Fernandez, wish to express their sincere appreciation to their many family members, friends, neighbors and extended family for their prayers, expressions of sympathy, and love shown during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you all in His loving grace and care.



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