

“You Will”

*You will be forever remembered in our minds,
The laughs and good times won't be left behind.
You will live vibrantly in our thoughts,
The smile and warm feeling you brought,
The impression you left on us indeed is deep.
So closely to our hearts, your memory we will keep.
We thank you for helping the family to stay strong,
And it will only get stronger even though you're gone.
Though we cry, the tears will soon dry.
Though we feel pain, it will not remain.
The joy of the Lord will keep our hearts merry.
He will provide strength and comfort, He will not tarry.
You will be forever loved without measure,
You will be forever valued for you were a treasure.
Don't ever wonder if you'll be missed, you will.
Just as sure as our help cometh from the hills.
Life is full of many wonderful things,
That we must give thanks to God for, each day He brings.
We thank Him for you,*

*A great husband, father, son, brother, nephew and cousin so true.
These words are in tribute to you, a testament of how we feel,
As our family grows also the memories of you will!*

Acknowledgement

Our family wishes to extend its profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **EZEKIEL** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

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A Celebration of Life for



Ezekiel Lamar Cousins

SUNRISE: AUGUST 24, 1973 ~ SUNSET: APRIL 10, 2020

“MAY THE WORK I’VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME”



Funeral Service

Thursday, April 30, 2020 • 10:00 A.M.

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Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

INVOCATION

SELECTION “THE LORD’S PRAYER”

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT PSALMS 23

NEW TESTAMENT ROMANS 8: 28-31

PRAYER

SELECTION “GOING UP YONDER”

REFLECTIONS FAMILY & FRIENDS

THE OBITUARY

SELECTION “MAY THE WORK I’VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME”

EULOGY

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL “WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN”



Obituary

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” - Ecclesiastes 3:1

A TIME TO BE BORN - “Unto Us A Child Is Born.” Isaiah 9:6

A precious gift from God, Ezekiel Lamar Cousins, was born August 24, 1973 to Ezekiel Julius Cousins and Deborah Washington Cousins in Columbia-Presbyterian Babies Hospital, NYC.

A TIME TO LOVE - “Love Ye One Another” John 15:12-17

Zeke loved everyone, and everyone loved Zeke. He was a devoted husband to Kathia. They were inseparable. They were United in Holy Matrimony on April 27, 2013, confessing their love to one another before God and a host of witnesses.

Zeke also loved his children beyond measure. He always made sure that they had everything they needed. He was very proud of all of their accomplishments and enjoyed spending time with them. Zeke was so looking forward to meeting his first Grandchild in September. As a tribute to her dad, Courtney will name the baby Makai Ezekiel Anderson.

Zeke really loved his Mother (“Ma”), Father (who he jokingly called “Mr. Jim”) and his Sister Simone (“Yvette”). He loved spending time with them in North Carolina and also enjoyed going on many vacations together. It was Zeke that convinced his mother to take her first cruise in 2018 where the family celebrated his parents 50th wedding anniversary.

A TIME TO LABOR - “Come Unto Me Ye That Labor.” Matthew 11:28

Zeke received his formal education in the NYC School System. He Graduated in 1991 from High School Of Fashion Industries where he Majored in Art. He also attended City University of New York (CUNY) School Of Labor and Urban Studies where he graduated with a Certification in Labor Studies and planned to pursue his Bachelor’s Degree in Labor Negotiations.

Zeke began his career with Verizon in 1992. He started as a mailroom clerk and worked his way up. During his 28 years of service he worked as an Escort, a Trunk Assignor, and a Field Technician. Zeke loved all of his assignments, but what he loved most was being Chief Steward of Communication Workers of America-AFL-CIO Local 1101 (CWA 1101). He wanted to make a real difference in the lives of his co-workers, his company, and his community. Because of his illuminating personality, he never knew any strangers, and he was loved by all.

A TIME TO SERVE... - “From Dead Works To Serve A Living God.” Hebrews 9:14

Zeke gave his life to Christ at an early age and was baptized on May 3, 1985 at Mount Neboh Baptist Church in Harlem, by the late Reverend William D. Gardner. There he served on the Youth Usher Board, The Youth Choir, and briefly served as one of the church drummers. Zeke was a current member of First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem where Reverend Michael A. Walrond, Jr. serves as Pastor. Zeke’s love for Christ and the Word was shown in his everyday living - “If I can help somebody then my living will not be in vain.”

A TIME TO DIE - “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course.” (II Timothy 4:7)

On Good Friday morning, April 10, 2020, Zeke boarded his final flight: he had his ticket in his hand and he was heaven bound. He was not alone. His Sister-in-Law Haydée prayed alongside him. His beloved parents and sister had the glorious opportunity to tell him via FaceTime that they loved him, that he should take his rest, and that they would see him on the Other Side. Just as in life, Zeke and his beloved wife Kathia were together in death. She held his hand as he transitioned.

A TIME TO MOURN - “Blessed are they that Mourn.” Matthew 5:4

WE do not mourn as those without hope. To celebrate his life, he leaves cherished memories:

His wife Kathia Cousins of home, His parents, Ezekiel J. and Deborah J. Cousins, and sister Simone Yvette Singleton of Erwin, North Carolina; a son, Corey Cousins of Elkton, Maryland; four daughters, Courtney and Casey Cousins of New York City, Ziere Cousins of Gilmore, Pennsylvania, and Yani Brown of New York City;

He is mourned by Fathers-In-Law Humberto R. Brown of New York City, and James Douglas of Hawaii; Mothers-in-Law Carolyn Brown of New York City and Mirna Douglas of Hawaii; three Sister-In-Laws, two Brother-In-Laws, & three Aunts, Narcissia Robinson (James) of New York City, Glenda Hinton(Gary) of Erwin, North Carolina, Vivian Blocker (Keith) of Dunn North Carolina, and Myrel Cousins of Danville, Virginia; one Godmother Barbara Johnson & one Goddaughter Shayla Riley of Yonkers, New York, and special friends Neal and Annette Duckett of Teaneck, New Jersey, Basiyr Jones of Orange County and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.
