



Najee Barnes-Lassiter

SUNRISE: AUGUST 7, 1998 ~ SUNSET: JANUARY 5, 2023

Funeral Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 AT 11:00A.M.

FIRST CORINTHIANS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dissolution

FERNCLIFF CEMETERY

Hartsdale, NY

Order of Worship

OPENING SONG

"Jesus Promised Me A Home Over There"

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Psalm 30

New Testament: John 14: 1-7

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev. Dr. Shon T. Atkins

SONG OF COMFORT

"You Deserve It"

REFLECTIONS

Dr. Lucille Farrell-Scott

Jay Clark and/or Stoney

Denise Comera

Brittany Barnes

OBITUARY

Tess Cohen

SONG OF CELEBRATION

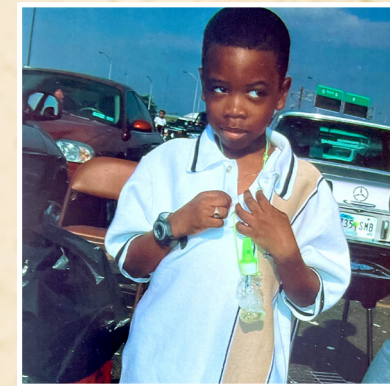
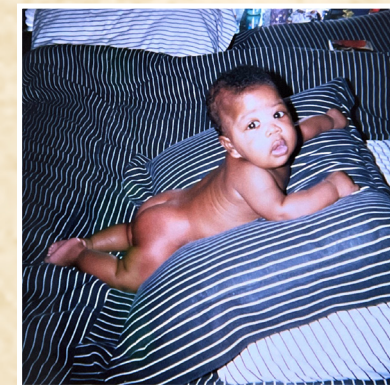
"Mama"

EULOGY

*Pastor Desiree Elder,
First Corinthian Baptist Church*

RECESSIONAL

"Make Room"





Obituary

NAJEE BARNES LASSITER was born in Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, New York on August 7, 1998 to the late Bambi Marie Barnes Lassiter (deceased).

Bambi and Najee at the age of 1 ½ years old came to live with Kim Lassiter, who he lovingly called Nana. He was educated in New York City and graduated from Bronx Collegiate Academy on July 1, 2016.

Najee at his young age of life experienced his mother, Bambi, who contracted an ill heart during her pregnancy with Najee, going in and out of hospitals, until she went home to be with the Lord.

On May 27, 2013, Najee at his young age of 14, woke up his Nana due to his heart racing within him. Najee was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White for 5 years. In 2019, he was re diagnosed with Danon Disease which Nana researched and it attacks young men and if they don't receive a new heart by the age of 19 they expire. Najee was blessed and received a new heart on December 24, 2019 at the age of 21.

During his school years while in High School, Najee had consistent assistance from Ms. Lieberman, the vice-principal. She made sure Najee took the elevator rather than the stairs when he needed to and he rested in her office when he was tired. When illness came upon him she called for an ambulance and called his Nana.

During these years of illness off and on Dr. Eric Silver, the pediatric cardiologist at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, attended to Najee and due to Najee's heart appearing like an old man's heart, Dr. Silver brought in the adult cardiologist team. When Najee was 21, he was moved to the adult side for heart patients. Nana had Najee moved from Columbia Presbyterian Hospital to NYU Hospital to the Kimmel Pavilion and Dr. Goldberg told Najee he was going to get him a heart. Within 7 weeks Najee received a new heart.

Najee also had the help of his tutor Kennon Landis and Najee received his regents diploma. Prayers were lifted up for Najee through the morning prayer line to receive a full scholarship. Through the prayers lifted up Najee received a full scholarship from Monroe College and through those prayers Najee's entire graduating class received full scholarships also.

Najee lived a life we all will remember for he knew how to live every moment of every day 100%. Najee made a difference in this world and changed his world every place he went. Just as God told Joshua, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." Najee has touched everyone who has intertwined in his life path and that joy will resinate within each and every one of us in every new moment of our lives and to pass into everyone who intertwines in each of our life paths.

Najee leaves behind Kim Lassiter, which he lovingly called Nana, his great-grandmother MeMe Barnes, Roy Scott, who he called PopPop, one uncle, Justin, 3 aunts, MeMe, Brittany, and Tefa, his cut buddy uncles Cleveland and Aaron, his nurturing aunt-in-law, Alberta, his two special aunties Yolanda (aka YaYa) and Denise, six grand uncles, three grand aunts, and a host of cousins and friends.



To Najee From Your Nana

First I have to thank God and then I have to thank your mother for bringing you into this world. You have been such a joy in my life. You have made a difference in my life. You have made me a better person. You have been the best son, grandson, and nephew that I have had the pleasure of raising. I salute you for who you became, a wonderful and positive young man. Your Nana's heart breaks and I know I will see you again one day.

Nana's Thank You Tributes

Ms. Connie Rich, Najee's Second and Third grade teacher.

Ms. Lieberman, Najee's Vice Principal of Bronx Collegiate Academy.

Najee's Bronx Community College, especially Ms. Denise Camera and the Crew.

Kennon Landis, Najee's tutor and friend.

Tess Cohen, friend and family attorney.

The Columbia Presbyterian Team, Dr. Eric Silver and his medical team, Mary, Angie, and the adult cardiologist medical team.

The NYU Team, Dr. Randal Goldberg, Sarah Riggio, Alaine Mulcahy, Sandra Landivar, and the many doctors and medical support staff.

Nana's Waves of Acknowledgements

Expressing sincere gratitude to the God given covenant family members on the 6:00 am Prayer Call and the 7:00 am Inspirational Call, to Najee's male mentors Minister Rudie Jones and Brother Jay Clark.

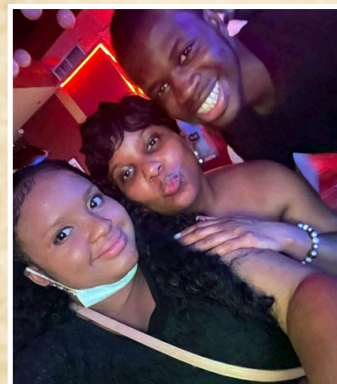
Heart-filled gratitude to my covenant family at 910 Grand Concourse.

Heart-filled gratitude to Arnell Jackson, who taught Najee how to drive.

Samuel Payamps, Najee's best friend.

Najee asked his Auntie Denise would she please teach him how to work the camera at church and she did and connected him to the Media Ministry and Nana graciously sends heart-filled gratitude and love to the FCBC Media Ministry, Pastors, Deacons, Staff, and FCBC family.

All of your prayers, love, support, visits, calls, and every act of kindness has given us strength and inspiration. May God bless you all and sustain a lasting peace within all of our souls.





Feel No Guilt in Laughter

*Feel no guilt in laughter,
They'd know how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile
That they are not here to share.*

*You won't grieve like this forever;
They would not want you to.
They'd hope that you could carry on
The way you always do.*

*So, talk about the good times
and the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together,
all the happiness you shared.*

*Let memories surround you,
a word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time,
an hour or a day:*

*That brings them back as clearly
as though they were still here,
And fills you with the feeling
that they are always near.*

*For if you keep those moments,
you will never be apart,
And they will live forever locked
safely within your heart.*

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, Najee 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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