

Acknowledgements

The family of the beloved and late David Fowler wishes to express their sincere thanks to the many wonderful friends and family who were thoughtful, kind and caring during our time of bereavement. May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you for being a blessing to our family.

Broken Chain



We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

David ERWIN FOWLER

JUNE 8, 1958 ~ SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023
at 10:30 AM

First Park Baptist Church
315 W. 7th St, Plainfield, NJ 07060

Reverend Justin S. Hayward, Officiating
Reverend J. Vincent Grove, D.D., Eulogist

HIS STORY

David Fowler, son of the late Reverend Willie and Camilla Fowler, was born on June 8, 1958, in Plainfield, New Jersey. David was the second youngest of 10 children.

At the tender age of 13, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. In 1976, he graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

During his school days, **David** met his childhood sweetheart, Robbin Kelly, in 1971, and they married in 1979. Out of this union was born their beautiful daughter Candice Kelli Fowler. Later in life, he was blessed with two additional children, Devin Da'Shon and Dominique Dymond (Lil Mama) Fowler-Geiger, and God placed a bonus child in his life, Demetria VanDerVeer.

He was built "strong" and "hardworking" and spent most of his adult life working as a Landscaper. He had an innate natural gift for the beautification of his trade and spent time working with his father and godfather, Reverend David Fowler, for several years. He later became an entrepreneur and opened his own business, "Dirt Cheap," as a Landscaper Architect. His unique design in landscaping was in demand throughout his career.

Throughout his life journey, he lived in Denver and Aurora, Colorado, for many years and often referred to those days as the best time of his life. From Colorado, he relocated to Cleveland, OH, and in 1993, returned to his home state of New Jersey.

In 2006, he joined New Ephesus Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey, under the leadership of his father-in-law, Rev. John Shore, Jr., where he served his church faithfully and was a proclaimer of the goodness of God.

One of the proudest moments of **David's** life was when he became a grandfather. **David** and his grandchildren (Madyson and Amari) had a magnificent relationship, and he supported them in all of their endeavors by attending dance recitals, baseball games, and ballet performances. He and Madyson had a special relationship and affectionately called each other "Man" and "Girl".

David was one of the most comical people you could possibly encounter. He was a jovial kind of guy and had a host of friends. He was the life of the party, very entertaining, outgoing, and always left an impression on you. People loved being in his presence, and he loved his family deeply.

David was affectionately called "Meat City" by his peers and known as "Uncle Meat" to all his nieces and nephews. He loved sports and was an avid New York Giants and New York Mets fan. He also played for the Jerseyland Boomers in Scotch Plains for many years.

On the morning of September 12, 2023, **David Erwin Fowler** of Plainfield, NJ, heard the Master's call and traded time for eternity.

David was predeceased by Camilla Fowler (mother); Willie Fowler (father); Lori Ann Fowler-Gibson (sister); Andrew Fowler (brother); William "Billy" Fowler (brother); Susan "Susie" Adams (sister).

David leaves to rejoice in his memory his children Candice Fowler-Grove (J. Vincent); DeShawn Fowler-Geiger; Dominique Fowler-Geiger; and Demetria VanDerVeer. Two grandchildren, Madyson Grove and Amari Kyser. Brothers and sisters, Lucretia "Tricia" Gonzalez of Plainfield, NJ; Camilla Fowler of Denver, NC; Pamela Fowler of Hanover Park, IL; Steven Fowler (Cheryl) of Bloomfield, NJ; Alethia Booth (Greg) of Hagerstown, MD; Valerie Fowler (sister-in-law). His Mother-in-Love, Eunice Shore; Father-in-Love, John Shore Jr. and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant: Reverend Justin S. Hayward, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Asbury Park, NJ
Eulogist: Reverend J. Vincent Grove, D.D., Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Musical Prelude
Processional

Clergy & Family

Scripture Reading

(Old Testament Psalms 90: 1-10 & New Testament 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

Prayer of Comfort
Selection

Reverend Thaddeus Shore, Greensboro, NC

Reflections (2 minutes)

Niece – Trina Whiteside

Nephew – Jamie Fowler

Sister/Brother – Pamela Fowler/Steven Fowler

Friend/Father - Reverend John Shore, Jr

Daughter– Candice Fowler-Grove

Selection

Acknowledgment~Condolences~Resolution

Spoken Word ~Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal/Closing Prayer

Recessional (Please Stand)

Lady Kyra Hayward

Ebony Booth (niece)

Gwendolyn Johns

Reverend J. Vincent Grove, D.D.

