

Home At Last

*In Loving Memory
of*



Stephen Mercer

Sunrise: March 27, 1962 - Sunset: December 5, 2023

*Friday, December 15, 2023
Wake: 10:00 am Service: 10:30 am*

Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home
2140 N. Fulton Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21215
Pastor Stephen Michael Smith, Officiating

Stephen Mercer was born on March 27, 1962, in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late Leroy Mercer and Brenda Walker. God called him home on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at St. Agnes Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Affectionally known as Stephon and Step, he enjoyed being a boy and doing boy things, such as running around Baltimore, and he loved being outdoors. He was a no-nonsense type of guy. His mottoes were, "Don't mess with me and I might not mess with you. You mind your business and I'm going to mind yours too. Just don't do it and stop it." Stephen loved his children, grandchildren, family, and friends whom he was very protective of especially his one and only baby girl, Sharelle.

Stephen was educated in the Baltimore City public school system and held various jobs until he became ill.

He met and married Toni White and to this union, three beautiful children were born, Stephen Jr., Gerald, and Sharelle Mercer.

Some of the things he enjoyed doing were watching football, the Baltimore Ravens being his favorite team, and catching crabs. He used to bring home bushels of crabs and cook them for the family, and they would have a great time eating them.

He was a well-groomed, neat, and clean type of guy. He even loved ironing his clothes. His family would laugh because his jeans were so creased, they would stand up by themselves and all he had to do was jump in them, buckle up, and go!

He was preceded in death by his beloved fathers, Leroy Mercer and Leroy Walker, one son Gerald Mercer, three sisters, Cynthia Mercer, Lena Mercer, and Wanda Golder, and one brother Leroy Walker Jr. (Manny).

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving mother Brenda Walker, one daughter, Sharelle Mercer, one son, Stephen Mercer Jr., four grandchildren, Stephanie Mercer, Courtez Mercer, Jordan Mercer, and Kaniayah McFadden. Four sisters, Towanda Mercer Anderson (Hollis), Maria McGriff Walker, Debbie LeGrand, and Jackie Washington, three aunts, Deborah Easter, Sylvia McGinnis, and Linda Cornish. One friend LeToya Jones, and one loyal friend Courtnie BeCoat who helped take care of him during his illness especially when his sister Towanda moved to another state. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and loved ones. We love you Stephen, but God loves you best so take your rest.

Order of Service
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Officiating

Organ Prelude.....**Sister Marie Alston**
The Processional.....**Clergy and Family**

- *Period of Visitation* -

Opening Hymn.....**Congregation**
"Lift Him Up"

The Scripture Readings:

Old Testament – Psalms 23.....**Dea. Cecil Nutter**
New Testament – I Corinthians 15:51-58.....**Dea. Michael Simpkins**

Prayer of Comfort.....**Dea. Emanuel Brown, Hon.**

Selection.....**Combined Choirs of Mount Moriah Baptist Church**

Expressions.....**Bro. Johnnie Dow**

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....**Deaconess Rhonda L. Brown**
Church Clerk

Obituary.....**Deaconess Rhonda L. Brown**
Church Clerk

Words of Comfort.....**Min. Elizabeth Able**

Selection.....**Combined Choirs of Mount Moriah Baptist Church**
"My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord"

The Preached Word.....**Pastor Stephen M. Smith**
Mount Moriah Baptist Church

Closing Selection.....**Combined Choirs of Mount Moriah Baptist Church**
"One Day"

Benediction

Recessional



My Miracle Brother (Steph)

In July 2017 the streets of Baltimore left you for dead. Your heart stopped four times in the streets and three times in the hospital. The doctors told us to make arrangements for a funeral because you wouldn't make it through the night. I asked the doctors to continue to do their part and let my God do the miracle part. I told them believe it or not if the Lord wanted you dead, you would have already died on the streets or at the hospital. The doctors also said Steph that you would never eat, walk, or talk and you would be a vegetable. The doctors had to place a feeding tube, a dialysis tract, and a pacemaker in your heart. I told the doctors to do what they had to do because guess what God would remove it all and fix it all if that's his will. My Jesus worked it out and my miracle brother was able to eat, your favorite meal was breakfast, and the feeding tube was taken out. You were able to walk, and you only had to take dialysis one time and God removed it. He fixed it. The pacemaker stayed in until death, but praise be to God. On Nov. 16, there was yet another miracle. You went to the hospital and weren't supposed to make it through the night but Step with your strong strength stayed alive until Dec. 5th. Thank you, Jesus, to my miracle brother, your sister Towanda made a promise to you that I would take care of you until the end. So, now take your rest my miracle brother sleep on I love you.

Love your sister Towanda



If I could have one-lifetime wish

A dream that would come true.

I pray to God every day just to have you here.

Even though you're gone.

To have you as my dad was the greatest gift of all.

This pain I will forever feel in my heart you hold a place.

Never thought this day would come.

Just promise me one thing, that you'll get your peace.

No more pain all rest until we reunite,

I love you even after like.

Love your daughter Sharelle



No suffering, sickness, nor pain, those who did good, eternal life they'll gain, for now, I'll be looking to the sky at night hoping to see you in my dreams each and every night. My days will feel a little lonely because my son was always there for me with all of my ups and downs but those we love don't go away. I know you'll walk beside me each and every day. So, for now, it's see you later my son until we meet up again at the pearly gates.

-Your loving mother Brenda

Interment

Lorraine Park Cemetery
5608 Dogwood Rd.
Woodlawn, Maryland 21207

Pallbearers

Stephen Mercer Jr.

Courtez Mercer

Pete Tarrant

Claude Carrington III

Joe Parker Jr.

Maurice Pearson

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

Arrangements – Professional services – Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home