

# Tomorrow

When *tomorrow* starts without me,  
And I'm not there to *see*,  
If the sun should *rise* and find your eyes  
All filled with *tears* for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't *cry*  
The way you did *today*.  
While *thinking* of the many things,  
We didn't get to *say*.

I know how much you *love* me,  
As *much* as I love you,  
And each time that you *think* of me,  
I know you'll *miss* me too.

But when *tomorrow* starts without me,  
Please try to *understand*.  
That an *angel* came and called my name,  
And took me by the *hand*.

My *place* was ready,  
In *heaven* far above,  
And that I'd have to *leave* behind  
All those I *dearly* love.

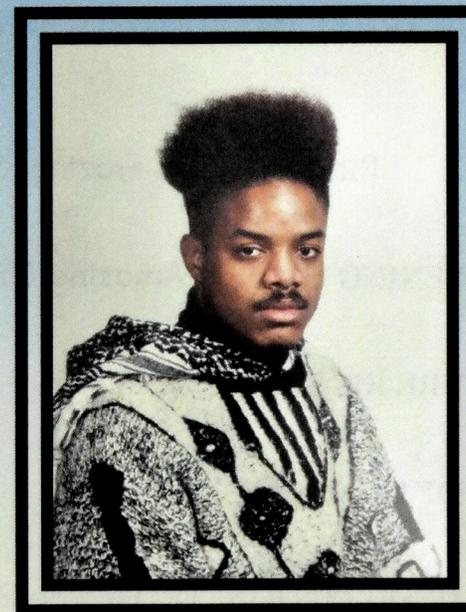
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WHILE WE WISH TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE, THE  
REPAST IS LIMITED TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY & THOSE  
EXPRESSLY INVITED BY THE BERNARD FAMILY.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Lee's Funeral Home  
160 Fisher Ave  
White Plains, NY

In Loving Memory of



# Joel Demetrius Bernard

DECEMBER 16, 1971 - MAY 7, 2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

12:30 PM

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

1 FISHER COURT

WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601

REV. DR. EDWARD O. WILLIAMSON, OFFICIATING

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE Dr. Frozine Reece-Smith

OPENING HYMN "Amazing Grace"

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

PRAYER OF COMFORT Deacon

MUSICAL SELECTION Dr. Frozine Reece-Smith

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & DESIGNATED  
READING OF THE OBITUARY

REFLECTIONS Family & Friends

MUSICAL SELECTION Dr. Frozine Reece-Smith

EULOGY Pastor Williamson

BENEDICTION Pastor Williamson

RECESSIONAL Clergy & Family

## THE OBITUARY

Joel Demetrius Bernard was born prematurely on December 16, 1971 at White Plains Hospital to Jonathan D. Bernard, Sr. & Sarah Juanita Bernard. Though born with many health challenges, Joel proved to be a fighter, right up until the end. Joel won his battle on May 7, 2024, a few months shy of his 53rd birthday.

Joel was educated in the Greenburgh/White Plains School District, attending the Post Road School, the Hallen School (in Mamaroneck), the Community School at NYH (Rochambeau, graduating from White Plains High School. He attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC, but was unable to complete his studies, due to his health.

While living in Charlotte, NC, Joel maintained an internship with Microsoft and was employed by IBM. When his health no longer allowed him to work freely abroad, he relocated back home to White Plains and maintained work at My Pub until his health declined.

Joel Bernard is predeceased by his father, Jonathan D. Bernard, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving mother, Sarah Juanita Bernard; brother, Jacques Yves McAdams; several half-siblings; aunts, Frances Wilson of Elmsford and Mabel Wilson of Syracuse; a host of nieces, nephews, longtime friends and special adoptive family, the Bennetts, who cared for him during difficulties.

His presence will be missed by all.