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OUTPOURING OF LOVE AND SUPPORT DURING THIS
DIFFICULT TIME. YOUR PRESENCE AND KIND WORDS
MEAN THE WORLD TO US.

SPECIAL THANKS TO NEWTON WELLESLEY
HOSPITAL AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR FAMILY.

Arrangements

DAVIS FUNERAL HOME
89 WALNUT AVE
BOSTON, MA 02119



PEACE & LOVE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



David A. Lewis

MAY 21, 1946 - JULY 20, 2023

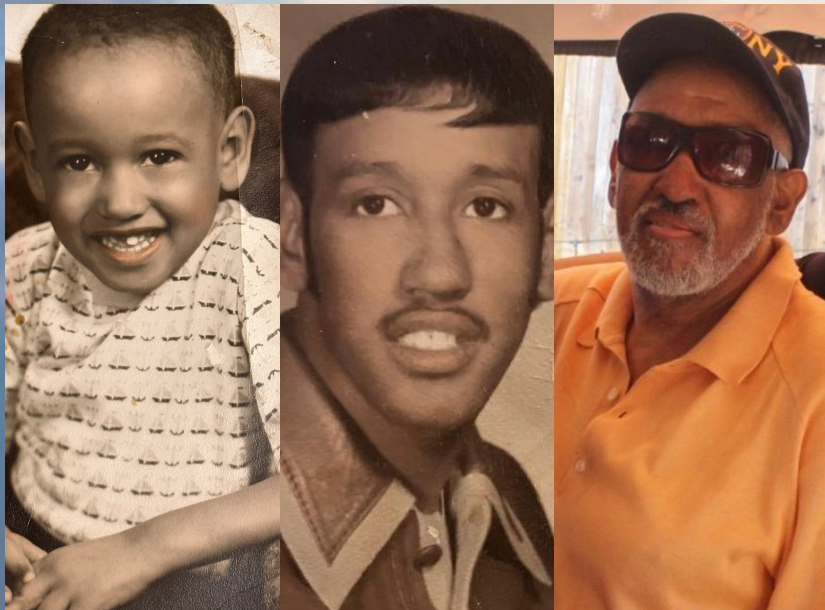
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AUGUST 8, 2023, 10:30A-12:30P

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....PASTORS AND FAMILY
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MARK BORDLEY, SR.
POEM.....PRISCELLA SHUM
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RECESSIONAL.....PASTORS AND FAMILY

Poem

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, I WILL NOT BE HERE TO SEE,
THAT THE SUN WILL RISE AND FIND YOUR EYES; FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME,
BUT PLEASE KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS IN MY HEART, AND I WILL FOREVER LOVE YOU,
AND KNOW, EACH TIME YOU THINK OF ME, I WILL BE MISSING YOU TOO.
WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND,
THAT AN ANGEL CAME, HE CALLED MY NAME AND TOOK ME BY THE HAND.
HE TOLD ME IT WAS TIME TO GO UP TO HEAVEN FAR ABOVE,
AND THAT I HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND ALL THOSE I DEARLY LOVE.
WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, I KNOW THAT YOU WILL CRY,
FOR ALL MY LIFE I'D ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I WOULD NEVER DIE.
I HAD SO MUCH LIFE AHEAD OF ME; I HAD SO MUCH TO DO,
IT SEEMS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE THAT I WAS LEAVING YOU.
WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, I THINK OF THE GOOD DAYS, AND THE BAD,
I THOUGHT OF ALL OUR FIGHTS, NEXT TO ALL THE FUN WE HAD.
IF I COULD HAVE STAYED, JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE,
I WOULD SAY I'D ALWAYS BE HERE, AND THEN I'D MAKE YOU SMILE.
WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, I'LL REALISE THAT THIS COULD NEVER BE,
AS ALL THAT WOULD BE LEFT OF ME, IS FROZEN IN MEMORIES.
THEN I THOUGHT OF ALL THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS THAT I WOULD MISS TOMORROW,
I THOUGHT OF YOU AND WHEN I DID MY HEART WAS FILLED WITH SORROW.
WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME I WILL WALK THROUGH HEAVEN'S GATE,
I WILL FEEL AT HOME EVEN WITHOUT MY SOUL MATE.
I KNOW THIS IS WHAT I WANTED; DEEP DOWN WITHIN MY BONES,
AND GOD LOOKED DOWN AND SMILED AT ME FROM HIS GREAT GOLDEN THRONE.
WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME I SEE EVERYTHING HE PROMISED ME,
"TODAY YOUR LIFE ON EARTH IS PAST, AND NOW YOU CAN BE FREE."
"I PROMISE NO TOMORROW AS TODAY WILL ALWAYS LAST,
AND SINCE IT'S ALL THE SAME YOU WILL NOT BE LONGING FOR THE PAST."
SO WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART,
FOR EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME I'M RIGHT HERE IN YOUR HEART.



Lasting Memories

STAR OF DAVID

DAVID'S PROFOUND RESPECT FOR THE STAR OF DAVID STEMS FROM ITS RICH SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE. EACH POINT SYMBOLIZES A DIFFERENT ASPECT OF LIFE, ENCOMPASSING LOVE, TRUTH, HARMONY, AND DIVINE PROTECTION. DAVID SPORTED A STAR OF DAVID EMBLEM AROUND HIS NECK.

LOVE FOR MUSIC

HE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE DEEP LOVE FOR MUSIC TOUCHED MOST OF OUR LIVES GENEROUSLY. HIS VINYL COLLECTION WAS EXTENSIVE, AND HE WOULD SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS LISTENING TO OLD SCHOOL MUSIC. WHAT MADE DAVID'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MUSIC EVEN MORE ENDEARING WAS THE FACT THAT EVERYONE IN HIS PROXIMITY ALSO GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE ITS MAGIC THROUGH SONG AND DANCE AT MANY FAMILY FUNCTIONS. HIS LOVE FOR MUSIC WILL LIVE ON THROUGH HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. THE YOUNGER GENERATION OFTEN USED HIS VINYL TO SAMPLE IN THEIR MUSIC.

NICKNAMES

ANOTHER FASCINATING TRAIT OF DAVID THAT MARKED HIM APART WAS THEIR KNACK FOR GIVING EVERYONE A UNIQUE NICKNAME. THESE EPITHETS WERE NOT MERELY TAGS; THEY SERVED AS TOKENS OF FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE. THESE WERE REMINDERS OF SHARED LAUGHTER AND MEMORIES AND MADE US FEEL TETHERED CLOSELY TO HIM.

FASHION

DAVID'S SENSE OF STYLE AND FASHION ADDED A UNIQUE FLAIR TO HIS PERSONALITY. WHETHER HE WAS DRESSING UP FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS OR SIMPLY GOING ABOUT HIS DAY, HE HAD A KNACK FOR PUTTING TOGETHER OUTFITS THAT SHOWCASED HIS INDIVIDUALITY AND CONFIDENCE. HIS FASHION SENSE ALLOWED HIM TO EXPRESS HIMSELF CREATIVELY AND LEAVE A LASTING IMPRESSION ON THOSE HE MET.

WORD PRONUNCIATION & STORYTELLING

DAVID HAD A RATHER IRONIC APPROACH TO WORD PRONUNCIATION, WHICH ADDED CHARM TO HIS CONVERSATIONS AND OFTEN BROUGHT SMILES TO OUR FACES. THIS QUIRKY TENDENCY BECAME HIS SIGNATURE STYLE LENDING HIM AN ENDEARING DISTINCTIVENESS THAT WARMED HEARTS AROUND HIM. DAVID POSSESSED A REMARKABLE TALENT FOR STORYTELLING THAT CAPTIVATED EVERYONE AROUND HIM. NOT ONLY WAS HE A GIFTED STORYTELLER, HIS WITTY REMARKS OFTEN HAD HIM LAUGHING AT HIMSELF. DAVID'S INFECTIOUS LAUGH WAS CONTAGIOUS. HIS LIGHTHEARTED SPIRIT LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION ON EVERYONE WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING IN HIS DELIGHTFUL STORYTELLING AND LAUGHTER.

CONCLUSION

THIS PORTRAYAL IS JUST A SNAPSHOT OF THE LIFE OF DAVID. HIS FONDNESS FOR MUSIC AND CHEERFUL SPIRIT WILL CONTINUE TO RESONATE THROUGH THE MEMORIES THAT WE SHARED WITH HIM. LET'S REMEMBER BIG DAVID FONDLY IN OUR HEARTS AND CHERISH THE UNIQUE WAYS HE MANAGED TO TOUCH ALL OUR LIVES INDIVIDUALLY. MAY HIS SPIRIT FIND PEACE, AND MAY HIS LOVE FOR MUSIC CONTINUE TO ECHO ACROSS REALMS UNSEEN. IN THE FAMOUS WORDS OF DAVID LEWIS, PEACE & LOVE!



Obituary

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVID ALLEN LEWIS SR., ALSO KNOWN AS BIG DAVID, A CHERISHED MEMBER OF THE NEWTON COMMUNITY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. HE WAS BORN IN ROXBURY, MA, ON MAY 21, 1946, TO ELDON AND MAEDORA LEWIS. DAVID WAS EDUCATED IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS INTELLECT, SHARP MIND, AND KEEN SENSE OF FASHION. HIS WISDOM AND WIT WERE APPRECIATED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM. HIS LEGACY AS A SMART AND INSIGHTFUL INDIVIDUAL WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED BY ALL FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE CROSSED PATHS WITH HIM.

DAVID SR.'S PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF LOVE AND GENUINE AFFECTION FOR FAMILY WERE SOME OF HIS MOST ENDEARING QUALITIES. HE VALUED THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AS MUCH AS THOSE OF BLOOD, TREATING HIS FRIENDS AS IF THEY WERE PART OF HIS OWN FAMILY. HIS INCLUSIVE AND CARING NATURE CREATED A SENSE OF BELONGING AND WARMTH FOR THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED HIS FRIENDS. DAVID SR.'S LEGACY OF LOVE AND GENUINE FRIENDSHIP WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE HE TOUCHED. DAVID SR. WAS ALSO A MAN OF MANY PASSIONS AND BROUGHT JOY TO THOSE AROUND HIM THROUGH HIS LOVE FOR FAMILY, MUSIC, AND HIS UNIQUE, QUIRKY PRONUNCIATION OF WORDS THAT ALWAYS BROUGHT A SMILE TO PEOPLE'S FACES.

DAVID LEWIS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN FORMING THE ALBANY STREET REUNION ASSOCIATION. UNITED BY CHERISHED MEMORIES AND DEEP-ROOTED BONDS, OLD FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. DRIVEN BY A SHARED DESIRE, ASRA'S MISSION WAS TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITY. ASRA HOSTED THEMED PARTIES AND LIVELY COOKOUTS, ALL AIMED AT RAISING FUNDS TO BRIGHTEN THE LIVES OF THE YOUTH, OFFERING THEM CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND OTHER GIFTS.

DAVID LEWIS SR. RETIRED FROM BRANDON RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER. HE LOVED HIS CAREER AND CREATED BONDS WITH HIS COWORKERS AND YOUTH. HE ALSO CREATED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY OTHERS. BEYOND INVESTING TIME WITH YOUTH AT BRANDON, DAVID SR. CREATED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM OUTSIDE OF THE USUAL WORK SETTING THAT WAS EQUALLY NURTURING. HE REGULARLY BROUGHT THEM INTO HIS HOME, FAMILY FUNCTIONS, AND CHURCH, WHERE THEY EXPERIENCED LOVE AND CARE, OFTEN MISSING FROM THEIR LIVES.

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DAVID SR.'S IMPACT ON THE YOUTH HE WORKED WITH WENT BEYOND BASIC SUPPORT. HE PROVIDED THEM WITH SOMETHING FAR MORE VALUABLE - A SENSE OF BELONGING.

FOR OVER 50 YEARS, DAVID SR. SHARED HIS LIFE WITH HIS PARTNER, RENITA TYLER. HIS LEGACY LIVES ON THROUGH HIS SEVEN CHILDREN, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE "STARS OF DAVID." EACH CHILD CARRIES A UNIQUE BOND WITH THEIR FATHER AND HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART. THE STARS THAT SHINE BRIGHTLY ARE KIMBERLY BORDLEY AND MARK (KIET) BORDLEY, SR., WHOSE MOTHER IS DORIS BORDLEY. DAVID (NICOLE) LEWIS, JR. AND STORME LEWIS, WHOSE MOTHER IS PAM LEWIS. KRIS (ELEANOR) TYLER, KEIR (DAMON) ARAUJO, AND RAQUIM (CHRISTINA) TYLER, WHOSE MOTHER IS RENITA TYLER.

IN ADDITION TO HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY, DAVID SR. IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER, MICHAEL (BRENDA) LEWIS, AND TWO SISTERS, TONI BARBOZA AND CARLA LEWIS. HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY HIS ONLY SURVIVING AUNT CHARLENE SMITH. DAVID SR. FACED LIFE'S CHALLENGES, HAVING ENDURED THE LOSS OF HIS PARENTS AND TWO BROTHERS, STEVEN AND BARON LEWIS.

DAVID SR.'S PASSING LEAVES BEHIND A BEAUTIFUL AND EXTENSIVE FAMILY LEGACY. HE WAS NOT ONLY A BELOVED FATHER BUT ALSO A CHERISHED GRANDFATHER WHOM HIS GRANDCHILDREN CALLED "POPPY." HIS 21 GRANDCHILDREN ARE KYMIRA, AYANA, MARK JR., GEOFFREY, DIAMOND, NEVEAH, DAVID III, T'LANI, KAYLA, KIRA, CAMERON, TROI, TY, KORI-REIGN, MORGAN, DAMON, JR., KYAN-KING, TRISTAN, BROOKLYN-SIMONE, XAVIER-BARON, JORDAN AND A GREAT-GRANDFATHER TO 6 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. DAVID SR. LEAVES A VAST NETWORK OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, AND MANY DEAR FRIENDS. HIS LOVE EXTENDED ACROSS GENERATIONS, LEAVING A LASTING IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

AS WE MOURN THE LOSS OF DAVID LEWIS SR., LET'S ALSO CELEBRATE THE LIFE HE LIVED AND THE IMPACT HE MADE ON THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND HIM. MAY HIS MEMORY BE A GUIDING LIGHT, AND MAY HIS LEGACY OF LOVING AND SEEKING THE TRUTH CONTINUE TO RESONATE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE KNOWN HIM.

"FAMILY IS NOT AN IMPORTANT THING, IT'S EVERYTHING." LET'S KEEP SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER JUST LIKE BIG DAVID WOULD HAVE WANTED US TO. REST IN PEACE, DEAR DAVID!