Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,

To the sorrowful, I will never return,

To the angry, I was cheated,

But to the happy, I am at peace,

And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.

I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.

So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,

As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,

Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:

Your thoughts, and your memories,

Of the times we loved,

The times we cried,

The times we fought,

The times we laughed.

For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

Margaret Mead

Acknowledgements

We are most grateful for the gift of people like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during this time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers and act of kindness, have given us strength and inspiration.
May God continue to be.

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A Celebration of Life for

Nathanial S. Sumpter

Sunrise
August 7, 1946

Sunset
May 17, 2023



Monday, August 7, 2023 at 11 AM

Davis Funeral Home

89 Walnut avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts

Pastor Allen Bloden, Officiating

Obituary

LIFE'S WORK

Well Done

Nathaniel S. "Butch" Sumpter, the son of Nathaniel Sumpter Sr. and Mary Epps Sumpter, was born on August 7, 1946, and peacefully departed this life on May 17, 2023. The man, himself, was born in Cambridge (Massachusetts), and moved to Boston, (Massachusetts) at an early age. This is where he would receive his lifelong learning and personal development. Nathaniel earned his High School Diploma from English High School, in Boston (Massachusetts).

After graduation Nathaniel learned the construction trade, and advanced very quickly. The term brick by brick would best describe his tenacious and dedicated work ethic. He became a member of The Local 151 Union, and this would become his second home. As a member of The Local 151 Union, he earned the name "Nate the Great", for his ability to make the impossible possible! "Nate The Great" never wanted a handout and did not mind getting dirty to get the job done.

LIFE'S RACE

Well Run

Nathaniel spent most of his adolescence and young adulthood in the Orchard Park Development. This is where he made lifelong friendships and eternal bonds. Nathaniel aka "Butch" was known as one of the cool kids in the projects. Nathaniel was a man who had style. One of his most favored mottos was, "If it's not top shelf, I don't want it! Nathaniel was also a smooth talker and never backed down from a challenge. Well into his 70's, he would show off his physical strength, by doing pull-ups and push-ups, and reminding everyone he could still run around Franklin Park Golf Course. He would often say, "If you are going to do something, do it with your best ability, by being the best you can be."

LIFE'S CROWN

Well Worn

Living life according to his motto of "Greatness comes from stepping out of your comfort zone, so never stay stagnant", Nathaniel moved from his beloved home of Boston, and spent the remaining years of his life in Kissimmee, Florida. It is here, he embraced his final calling of living and walking by the word of God. Nathaniel truly loved the Lord! He was never ashamed to talk about how good God has been to him. When Nathaniel came full circle with his eternal peace in the physical, he no longer wanted to be known as Butch. He truly found serenity, going back to his birth name of Nathaniel S. Sumpter. We will not think of Nathaniel in the past tense, for he is STILL apart of each one of us. Nathaniel S. Sumpter's legacy continues to live on and thrive.

He leaves to cherish his memory, daughters: Kew Sumpter; Starr (Sumpter) Thomas; son-in-law Jimmy Thomas; sons: Shayne Michael Payne; Wind-Starr Payne; daughter-in-law Lashaana Payne and Kyle Terrell Nathaniel Wade; grandchildren: Sparkyl Lucas-Thomas; Kwest Lacy Tyler; Dominic Johnston; Takira Webb; Shawn Joseph Payne, Isaiah Payne; Summer Blu Payne; great grandchildren: Lyric Givan; and Ca'Layah Harris.

He was preceded in death by his parents (Nathaniel Sumpter Sr.), (Mary Epps Sumpter), brother (Michael Sumpter), sister (Diane Sumpter), his first-born son (Shayne Nathaniel Spayne Sumpter), daughter (Kinya Webb) and grandson (Kevin Lucas Jr.)

LIFE'S JOURNEY

At Rest

Order of Service

Invocation	Rev. William Watkins
Opening Hymn	*"Take Me to the King"*
Scripture	Lashaana Payne
Old Testament	*Psalm 23*
New Testament	*Philippians 4:13*
Poem	Sparkyl Lucas-Thomas
Remarks	Family and Friends
Acknowledgement	James Thomas
Obituary	Shonda Deshields
Eulogy	Pastor Allen Bolden
Benediction	Pastor Allen Bolden



