

ORDER of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional
Clergy and Family

Final Viewing & Closing
G. Choice Funeral Chapel

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Expressions/Remarks (2 minutes)
Family and Friends

Cards/Resolutions

Selection

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional
Clergy and Family

A Letter From Heaven

When each day starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun shall rise and find your eyes,
Filled with tears for me.

I wish so that you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While considering the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know the love you hold for me,
Is as much as I love you,
Every time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

When each day starts without me,
Know that we're not far apart,
For all the times you think of me,
I'll be right here in your heart.

A Father's Reflection

From the day you arrived, bold and true,
I saw a spark in you, uniquely you.
Though the paths we walked sometimes grew wide,
My heart kept you tethered, side by side.

In your eyes, a world so vast,
Dreams you spun, bold and cast.
Your steps, though wandered, were always proud,
Even through storms, through every cloud.

The love I hold, deep and firm,
Transcends the trials, the terms.
For you are my son, my blood, my call,
In every rise, through every fall.

Your journey's painted in vibrant hues,
A testament to the life you choose.
A beacon for many, a light so bright,
Shining through day, glowing by night.

Now as you soar beyond the blue,
Know that my love forever follows you.
A father's pride, quiet but deep,
In my heart, your memory I'll forever keep.

Acknowledgment

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, visits, kindness, and words of love and comfort during this difficult time of loss.

Devon-Taylor's life was a testament to the beauty of authenticity and the power of faith. They will be profoundly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know them. May God continue to shower you with blessings as you have uplifted and comforted us.



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BISHOP

Taylone WASHINGTON-BANKS

MAY 3, 1992 - AUGUST 30, 2024

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

VIEWING: 9:00AM | SERVICE: 11:00AM

WHOEVER METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

3637 CHESTNUT ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104



HER Story

Devon Edward Bacon affectionately known as Taylone Ariel Banks was born to George Kevin Hinton and Natalie Eugene Bacon on May 3, 1992 at The Women's Medical Center of Philadelphia. Devon was blessed to find his passions early in life under the guidance of his loving grandmothers Gladys Bacon and Louise Hinton who fostered within him a love of music, ministry and community service through involvement with gospel choir, usher board and fellowship programs.

That love of church was further fostered by his close relationship with Reverend Simms of Morris Brown AME church where he spent his formative years, who he spoke highly of and viewed as a father figure, mentor and friend. If ever asked what he loved about church outside of the Lords gospel he would quickly tell you the clothes, "oh darling I was sharp ok!" he'd say with a smile lamenting on his favorite childhood suits. In addition to his ministry work, Devon served as a Judge of Elections and a Poll Worker in the city of Philadelphia for over 10 years. A graduate of South Philadelphia High School, his dedication to civic duty was inspired by his grandmothers who both dedicated years to their communities throughout each election season, which allowed him to profoundly impact his local community.

In mid 2019 Devon a proud and cherished member of the LGBTQIA+ community decided to live fully in his truth and started the process of transitioning, embracing the change and her identity with dignity and grace becoming known as 'him' by his family and 'her' by her community, Taylone Ariel (Tay) as she was known and loved by many was a constant beacon of light and hope, enriching the lives of those around her through her dedicated service and vibrant spirit. As the founder and Senior Pastor at Phoenix Nation Ministries and New Life Soul Salvation Ministries, and as a bishop at WhoSoEver Metropolitan Community Church of Philadelphia, she touched many lives with her deep faith and unwavering commitment to her community.

Devon-Taylone is survived by a loving family: mother Natalie E. Bacon, father George K. Hinton, sisters Rayshell Taylor and Ardell Abney, his great aunt Martha Bacon, niece Rynya, and nephew Khysym. He also leaves behind his aunts Sandra Wilkins, Cynthia Hinton, and Deborah Hinton, and cousin Tonya Hinton-Green (affectionately known as Auntie), Leila Johnson, Elaine Darden, and uncles Anthony Hinton, John Hinton, Sr., and Lee Hinton III, along with many cherished cousins and friends.

Devon was also dearly loved and will be missed by the family unit he and his father George adopted as their own: Doreen, John, Dennis, Veronica, Kimberly, Sandra, and Shaleek, who all held a special place in his life.

Predeceased by his grandfather Lee Hinton, Jr., grandmothers Gladys Bacon and Louise Hinton, aunt Vanessa Hinton and beloved cousins Montes Johnson and Riley Robinson.

Taylone also leaves behind to mourn an extended spiritual family: Reverend Vernal Simms Sr., Reverend Vernal Simms Jr., Lady Vanessa Simms and Vernaell (affectionately known as Ms. V) Williams. Spiritual parents, Bishop Celena Spain-Frank, Bishop La'Brett Isaac Foster and Reverend Kris Spain-Frank as well as a host of spiritual siblings Elizabeth Spain, Terrin Spain, Elijah-Kelvin Spain, Apostle Curtis Crawford and Overseer Kahleah Rosario.

