

I AM FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard His call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to live, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at close of day.*

*If parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things too I will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full. I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

~Author Unknown



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The Sloan family sincerely acknowledges all the prayers, telephone calls, expressions of sympathy, overall friendship, love, and kindness displayed during this most difficult time. Special thanks to Pastor Alphonso McCarthy, Delessa and Derrick McDuffey, and the staff at Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Jeffrey Lloyd Sloan II



SUNRISE

May 5, 1972

SUNSET

February 8, 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Friday, February 28, 2025 at 1:00pm
Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home
5625 NE Fremont St.
Portland, Oregon 97213*

Obituary

Jeffrey L. Sloan II, affectionately known by his family as “Lil Jeff”, was born on Friday, May 5th, 1972 in Portland, OR to Marilyn Sloan and the late Jeffrey L. Sloan I, the first of three children.

Lil Jeff’s passions included writing, fishing, and creating singing videos that were hilarious. But the passion he was widely known for was his cooking. His favorite food to cook was BBQ for family and friends. He was a creative genius in blending seasonings and spices to create a BBQ rub. He’d marinate the meat, and once the meat was cooked anyone around was in for a mouthwatering treat.

Lil Jeff enjoyed a special bond with his late grandmother, Vergie Sloan; and with his mother, Marilyn Sloan whom he called everyday until the day before his passing. He deeply cared about his children, family and friends and enjoyed talking with them to discuss and learn about their life experiences. Lil Jeff held various jobs, the most recent was security services.

On Saturday, February 8, 2025, Lil Jeff departed this life. He is preceded in death by his father, Jeffrey L. Sloan I, grandparents Charles I. Sloan, Sr. and Vergie L. Sloan; sister, Lakisha Evette Sloan, aunt Helen Elizabeth Ann Sloan; uncle, Charles I. Sloan, Jr.; wife, Linda Kay Taylor Sloan.

Left to honor Lil Jeff, cherish his memory and remember his life are his sons, Demetrius Burkhardt, Markel Burkhardt (Alexandria), Elijah Burkhardt (Natalia), Javon Taye Araujo; grandchildren, Alexander Burkhardt, Amiyah Burkhardt; mother, Marilyn Sloan; sisters, Anika Sloan, Cecily Huchin; former wife, Ali Williams; former girlfriend Felecia Araujo; aunt Chantay Reid (Elwood); niece, J’Reyanna Sweet; nephew, Langston Harris; great-niece, Jiya Sweet; first cousin, T. Kerry Smith (Lisa). He will also be greatly missed by a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

The Gathering of Family

Welcome & Prayer

Pastor Alphonso McCarthy

Scripture

Elwood Reid, Jr.

Old Testament – Psalms 23

New Testament – John 3:16

Reflections from Family and Friends

(Please Limit to 2 Minutes)

Reading of the Obituary

Chantay Reid

Song

Delessa & Derrick McDuffey

‘His Eye Is On The Sparrow’

Words of Comfort

Pastor Alphonso McCarthy

Closing Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Alphonso McCarthy