



Joseph "Jay" E. Whitaker

January 29, 1979 - May 31, 2018

These words applied to Joseph E. Whitaker, Jr., so the Lord in His infinite wisdom saw fit to give him eternal rest.

Joseph Ear; Whitaker, Jr., the son of Joseph Earl Whitaker, Sr. and Robin Leslie Whitaker, was born January 21, 1979 in Baltimore. Both of his parents predeceased him. He departed this on Thursday May 31, 2018 at the Clinton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center located in Prince Georges County, MD.

When Jay was named, his mother was told that we would never call him Joseph. Instead, we called him Jay and that is who this tribute is to. Jay.

Jay was a quiet and thoughtful child who loved his mother and knew that love was reciprocated. He grew up in and attended school in Carroll County, MD.

When Jay was five years old and in the kindergarten, he astounded his teacher by letting her know he could read. In her astonishment and disbelief, she had Jay tested by Carroll County Board of Education. When the test results came back, she discovered that as a Kindergartner, Jay could read at a twelfth grade level. This of course, did not surprise his mom. Even though the school wanted to put him in the second grade, Robin said " No, he is only five and I want him to be with five year olds.

Jay lived in Carroll all of his young life and moved back to Baltimore when he reached his majority.

In 2000, the year his mother died, he was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and was prescribed an insulin regimen.

In or around 2002, Jay decided that he had enough of Baltimore and packed up and left. He settled for a while in Virginia but knew that wasn't his final destination. So moving along he settled in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jay said that Kentucky had one of the highest rates of substance abuse usage. As a result, he used his knowledge skills and abilities to become a certified substance abuse counselor with certification in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. He was quite successful.

Underneath that serious exterior was the Jay who wanted to be a Rapper. He had his shot. He did the Amateur Bight at the Apollo Theater in New York. Despite his awesome performance he did not win. However, the performance offered him the opportunity to be an opening act for many established professionals in the Kentucky-Ohio area. He performed under the name Dead Sirius.

In 2016 Jay had to retire as a Counselor because of his daily dialysis treatment. This treatment was initially completed at home but had to be continued in a more professional setting.

Jay came back to Baltimore October 2017 and had been confined to either a hospital or nursing /rehabilitation center until that fateful day.

Fateful day or grateful day, who knows? What we do know is that he is reunited with his beloved mother.

He leaves behind to celebrate his life; his wife , Crystal and son, Everest both of Louisville, KY; brother, Eric and sister, Afton, both of Maryland; three aunts,

Lethella Campbell, Linda Thompson and Tract Jennings all of Baltimore; three uncles, Kevin and Keith Jennings of Baltimore and Lawrence Whitaker, Anne Arundel County; his grandmother, Norma L. Jennings of Baltimore; three nephews, Azariah Whitaker of Forest City, PA., Joseph and Jaxon Whitaker of Baltimore; great -aunt, Romaine Harden; great-uncle, A. Jerome Jennings; great-great-aunts Beulah Lang and Thelma Erwin all of Baltimore; many cousins too numerous to name; a special friend and mentor, Brian Joiner of Louisville, Ky.; and Melanie Whitecavage, the friend who always had his back. Additionally, there are those he counseled, those he befriended and those who in their grief, might be heard saying " Only because of him, I'm still here"

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

viewing

JUN 15. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 655-0110
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Family Hour

JUN 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JUN 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Jay" E. Whitaker*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Thank you for the years we had. Until we meet again....forever in my heart.*

fayth - June 18, 2018 at 04:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Jay" E. Whitaker.*



June 14, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ *Gone too soon. Way too soon!*

Madeleine Blake

Madeleine Blake - June 13, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ *Joe we had a lot of conversations while at work you carried the message fot my 8 year celebration and the song you made for our ftriend joe the homeless guy ill always keep you in my heart for you truly left fingerprints in it miss you darlene*

Darlene - June 07, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *I love you more than words Jay! May the four winds blow you safely home. R.I.P* 💕💕



Melanie Whitecavage - June 07, 2018 at 07:46 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - June 04, 2018 at 03:54 PM