



IN LOVING MEMORY



HOWARD KENRICK MILLS

“Kenny/Jace”

September 17, 1968 - February 12, 2022

Friday, February 25, 2022

11:30AM

St. John Baptist Church of Alexandria

7730 Fordson Road

Alexandria, VA 22306

Pastor Charles A. Hall, Officiating

Remembering Our Superhero

Howard Kenrick Mills

“Lord, if you give me a son, I’ll give him back to you”

Howard Kenrick Mills was born on September 17, 1968 to the late John Howard and Bernice Worthy Mills in Alexandria, VA. He was the first of two children. He grew up in Alexandria and attended the Alexandria Public School System where he excelled academically and in extracurricular activities. As a child Kenny was raised in a Christian home and attended church with his family. At an early age he accepted Christ as his savior and was baptized at Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church where he received a firm Christian foundation.

During his youth he developed a love of comic books and was fortunate in his teenage years to work parttime at two comics book stores in Old Town Alexandria, where he was able to cultivate his hobby and passion for comic books that he continued to nurture into adulthood.

After graduating Kenny decided to move to the West Coast to California. Initially, he lived in San Francisco before making Oakland his permanent home. There he fostered many friendships over the years and they too became his family.

He was affectionately known as Kenny by his East Coast family and friends and Jace by his friends and colleagues in California, but the title didn’t matter; to know him was to love him as demonstrated by his friends during his recent health challenges. The local community rallied to offer assistance in any way possible.

Kenny’s artistic and creative abilities led him to pursue a career as a graphic artist until his health began to decline resulting in him being placed on disability. In spite of his health issues Kenny remained optimistic and enjoyed spending time with his friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother and stepfather, Bernice and Wesley Dismuke, a sister, Kimberly Lashawn Mills, a god sister, Michelle Lawyer, aunts and uncles, Juanita Pope, Doris Brooks, Ruby Hall (Charles), Robert Worthy (Mildred), Roberta Rivers (our family matriarch), and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins and friends to include three special friends in Oakland; Dan, Linda, and Jennifer. His father, John Howard Mills preceded him in death.

Order of Service

11:30AM

Musical Prelude

Processional

Congregational HymnLeaning on the Everlasting Arms

Old Testament Scripture Reading Deacon Clyde Pearson

New Testament Scripture Reading Deacon Charles Jones

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Johnnie L. Sudds, Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Washington, DC

Solo Sister Pauline Burton Sudds

Acknowledgements Deaconess Alice Fleming

Reflections (2-minutes) Sister Maria Worthy

Poetry Reading Sister Juanita Pope

Read Obituary (silently)

Solo Sister Pauline Burton Sudds

Eulogy Pastor Charles A. Hall

Invitation to Discipleship Pastor Charles A. Hall

Closing Prayer and Benediction..... Pastor Charles A. Hall



I'm Free



I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that peace at the close of the day.

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

Be not burdened with time of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I 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 hearts and peace to thee. God has me now; He set me free.

To God be all glory, to God be all praise, for He is worthy of the praise!



Acknowledgement

Words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude and deep love we feel for the many expressions of love and concern, kindness, and support shown during the illness and passing of our love one. Your prayers, calls, and cards meant so much to our family. They have been uplifting and encouraging and your presence here today gives us the added strength to endure the days to come.

May God bless and keep you,

The Family of Howard Kenrick Mills

Thank You!



A special acknowledgement to our West Coast family; we are forever grateful to you for your friendship, love and support of Jace!