



Neal Watkins Jr.

May 25, 1963 - March 28, 2012

Neal Watkins Jr. was born on May 25, 1963 to the union of Ruby Belcher and Neal Watkins Sr. He was the oldest of three children.

Neal graduated from Oakenwald Elementary and Martin Luther King High School. He went on to attend Malcolm X College for two years and on a baseball scholarship, Southeast Missouri University for a year and a half, majoring in Law.

In high school, Neal was given the name "Dirty Bert", because of his lack of using lotion. As a youth growing up, he loved baseball. Back in the 80's, he tried out for the White Sox, but because his speed was some seconds off and he was just a little too short, Neal missed being on the team.

Neal's greatest joy was being a dad, he loved fatherhood! He had one son, Damarco and he also adopted another son, Tony. It was the two of them and the younger boys in his family that led Neal to coach a little league basketball team.

On March 28, 2012, Neal closed his eyes in death. He was preceded in death by his father Neal Sr.; and his cousin who was like a brother to him, Randy.

Neal leaves to cherish his loving memories, his wife, Renee; his son,

Damarco; his mother and step father, Ruby and Clyde Belcher; his brother Clifton Watkins (Sheryl); his sister, Alicia Belcher (Donald); his mother-in-law, Marceline Romaine; two brothers-in-laws, Ronnie and Thomas Romaine; three nephews, Kenneth Green, Devon Watkins (Jeniqua) and Dorian Watkins; four nieces, Tiara Belcher, Anika, Donae and Takela Williams; one grand nephew, Kionta Green; two grand nieces, Kamarria Green and Kamora Watkins; seven aunts, Lula Boles, Earnestine Tucker (Miller), Dorothy Davis (James), Christine Edwards, Karen Lewis (Johnny), Eva Viola Price and Willie Mae Watkins; four uncles, Tommie Lee Watkins (Carol), Jerome, Clifton Dale (Sharon) and John Dale (Amber); three grand uncles, William Dale (Ruth), Henry and James Dale; one grand aunt, Bertha Dale (wife of uncle John); four special friends, Gregory Bowen, Darryl Shelton, Johnny Taylor and Harvey Powell; and a host of other relatives and friends who adored him.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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