

# SERVICE OF HONOR



## REVEREND ERIC TONY CHRISTOPHER

Friday, April 4th, 2025 | 10:00am

### *SERVICE*

Truth Memorial Baptist Church  
1542 N 56th Street  
Philadelphia Pa. 19131

### *INTERMENT*

Fernwood Cemetery  
6501 E Baltimore Avenue  
Lansdowne Pa. 19050

# THE LOVE LETTER

*My Love,*

This grief process is so interesting. I AM LEARNING SO MUCH. I thought I understood it sweetheart. I didn't though. And you know what else, Booie, I realize that I was nowhere doing the necessary work to support someone as they go through the grief process. Because THIS SEPARATION THING IS REAL.

I didn't know that Love could be this deep. I had no idea that love was like this. I didn't know when the two became one that you actually mold into one not only spiritually but you would feel it in the Physical when one goes home. I didn't know that you would feel like part of you literally was gone. When one leaves and the other still stays. I DIDN'T KNOW.

You know one of my life principles is what Sigmund Freud said "Unexpressed emotions never die, they are buried alive, and they will surface again in unexpected and uglier ways." I can still hear you laughing and see your eyes twinkling at my excitement when I discovered this. You saying "Booie, you've been teaching this for years in the healing classes". And then us cracking up laughing. Well, Boo, I'm crying in this season. I'm not stuffing my emotions in this season. I miss you sooooo. I keep reaching for you in the middle of the night. I keep listening for your snoring so I can sleep. Who is gonna lay those healing hands on me when I am not feeling well? I miss those gentle sweet kisses to my face early in the mornings. I miss your scent. I reach to hold your hand every time I cross a street. I even miss our passionate disagreements. Cause I always knew that no matter what you were going to be there at the end of them, in your mancave, waiting on me "to come to my senses". I am still laughing inside at the remembrance of the last thing you said to me before you stopped being able to speak. Of course, as usual, it was full of truth and laughter. It'll remain ours and I will probably LAUGH INTO ETERNITY with it.

# THE LOVE LETTER

Boo, I know over time this will ease. My strength is coming from knowing that the love we shared has been so special that only our God could have orchestrated it. To fall in love with each other so hard, after we had both experienced forms of love with others in different ways. You being so sure of where we were going and me being so nervous to go with you. Yet you waited patiently until I caught up with you. And THEN WE SOARED!

Booie, I asked God if I could come home with you now. He so lovingly said it was my choice. Then He gently reminded me that whenever I get to glory we would meet again as brother and sister. That this relationship as husband and wife ended at your transition. My only husband is now JESUS.

So, I thank you today Booie. Thank you for these 31 years. For sharing your life with me in ways I could not have ever imagined. Thank you for protecting me from dangers seen and unseen. Thank you for providing for me in our seasons of lack and in our seasons of overflow. Thank you for your laughter in the midst of our storms. As you told me over and over that "God laughs"! And "doesn't the Word say it is good medicine for the soul"! Thank you for the privilege to be your wife, your Booie. THANK YOU!

I release you today. I know that this grief will be a process. Yet I know with certainty you are happier now than you have ever been in your entire life. That, right there, brings me great joy and peace! SOAR BOOIE, SOAR!

Our prayers have been answered Booie! No more Pain! No more Lost! No more Angst! Oh Booie, I am sooooo happy for you right now! I am soooo grateful for what God has done! I will see you again soon Booie. Because, remember, a thousand years here is only a day in God's courts! In no time at all I will be walking with MY BROTHER FOR ETERNITY!

Loving You Long & Loving You Strong, Always!

Your Booie 4Ever - I'm Excited!

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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 10:00 AM

EVANGELIST MICHELE TROTTER – OFFICIANT  
REV. WILLIAM F. SMITH, SR., SPIRITUAL PASTOR OF KOGIAH

## ORDER OF SERVICES

PROCESSIONAL ..... CLERGY & FAMILY..... YAH – SONG BY DUNSIN OYEKAN

SCRIPTURE READING..... DEACON WILLIAM F. SMITH, JR.  
OLD TESTAMENT ISAIAH 53  
NEW TESTAMENT JAMES 1:2-4

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... APOSTLE JOHN PAYTON

### TRIBUTES

KOGIAH/TOLIBS ..... VIDEO TRIBUTE  
FAMILY TRIBUTES ..... CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN  
A SHARING ..... “ HIS BOOIE “  
“BOOIES” TRIBUTE ... I’LL SEE YOU AGAIN  
BY RICHARD SMALLWOOD

READING OF THE OBITUARY ..... DEACON MONTRELL PORTER, SR.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SENATORIAL RESOLUTION ..... PASTOR NIKKI BAGBY  
CONDOLENCES & RESOLUTIONS ..... REV. CHERYL HURLEY

### THE EULOGY

EULOGIST # 1 ..... REV. WAYMAN RUCKER  
*My Soul is Anchored In The Lord by Douglas Miller*

EULOGIST # 2 ..... EVANGELIST STACY CLARK  
*Where Is Your Faith In God by James Cleveland*

EULOGIST # 3 ..... PROPHET/PASTOR ISAAC EVANS  
*Lovin Me by Jonathan McReynolds*

EULOGIST # 4 ..... APOSTLE/PASTOR SHIELA BELL-THOMAS  
*God Has Smiled On Me By James Cleveland*

EULOGIST # 5 ..... REV WILLIAM F. SMITH SR, PASTOR

PRAISE DANCE ..... SISTER PENNY TULL

BENEDICTION ..... REV. WILLIAM F. SMITH, SR., PASTOR

RECESSIONAL ..... I DON’T WANT TO MISS A THING – AEROSMITH

REV. ERIC T. CHRISTOPHER

FIRST LIGHT ~ JULY 13, 1957

ETERNAL REST ~ MARCH 18, 2025

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## THE BENEDICTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025  
AT FERNWOOD CEMETERY

GRAVESITE ORDER OF SERVICE  
APOSTLE JENEAN GRIFFIN - OFFICIANT

MUSIC PROCESSIONAL BY CLERGY & FAMILY.....MUSICAL PRELUDE

**BLESSED ASSURANCE**

OPENING DECLARATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS .....**REVELATION 21:1-5**

THE PRAYER

THE FAREWELL BLESSING ..... MAY HIS PIECE BE WITH YOU

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 7-9 ..... **SOME GLAD MORNING**

THE RELEASING OF THE BALLOONS (REPRESENTING FAMILY)  
BY GRANDCHILDREN

THE RELEASING OF THE SINGLE BALLOONS  
FAREWELL ..... (REPRESENTING SINGLE LOVE)  
DR. DONNA JEANNE CHRISTOPHER

THE COMMITTAL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN**

THE BENEDICTION

PLACING OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL **HE'S WORTHY TO BE PRAISED**

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# THE OBITUARY



Eric Tony Christopher was born to the union of the late Warren Christopher and Hilda Mae Braxton (Glass) on July 13, 1957, in Philadelphia, PA. He was the youngest of three and was preceded in death by his middle brother, Gregory Christopher, Sr. Eric was affectionately known as TC, Tony, Poon, Grampy, Greepee and Boo by those who loved him. Eric entered into his eternal rest on March 18, 2025 @ 2:40PM.

Eric grew up in Philadelphia and attended public elementary school and middle school. He attended St. Thomas Moore for his final formative years. During those years, Eric could be found playing saxophone and singing in the many choirs he was part of. In high school, Eric joined the gospel choir called The Revolution and was part of the Excelsior Choir at White Rock Baptist Church. He could also be found on the football field, at the bowling alley (where he was known as an expert bowler) as well as on the baseball field. Eric was always a comedian throughout school and even found himself on stage doing standup at church and in school plays. He always had a special gift for making people smile.

In 1988, Eric moved to Michigan with his then wife, Johnnetta Christopher. Of that union they had two children, Roshona Porter and Eric Christopher. He was also blessed with his youngest daughter, Tiyonna Jones whom he shared with Marcine Ashby. Eric later moved back to Philadelphia and married his Booie - Dr. Donna-Jeanne Christopher. From this union he gained a bonus son, Eric Scott Purnell.

Eric and Donna truly enjoyed life together. Through prayer, love, and true faith in God, they shared a 55 year friendship while falling in love over and over again for the last 31 of those years. They could often be found in the Shenandoah Valley enjoying the bears, visiting the Pocono mountains, soaking in the rays on a beach, enjoying many many family and friend barbecues where he was always the chef, holding hands every time they crossed a street, yet most of all, swinging his 3 iron on the golf courses! Golf challenged him mentally in more ways than one. It became his favorite single participation sport as it allowed him the opportunity to practice a necessary skill set that would be needed and used once the cancer surfaced.



# THE OBITUARY

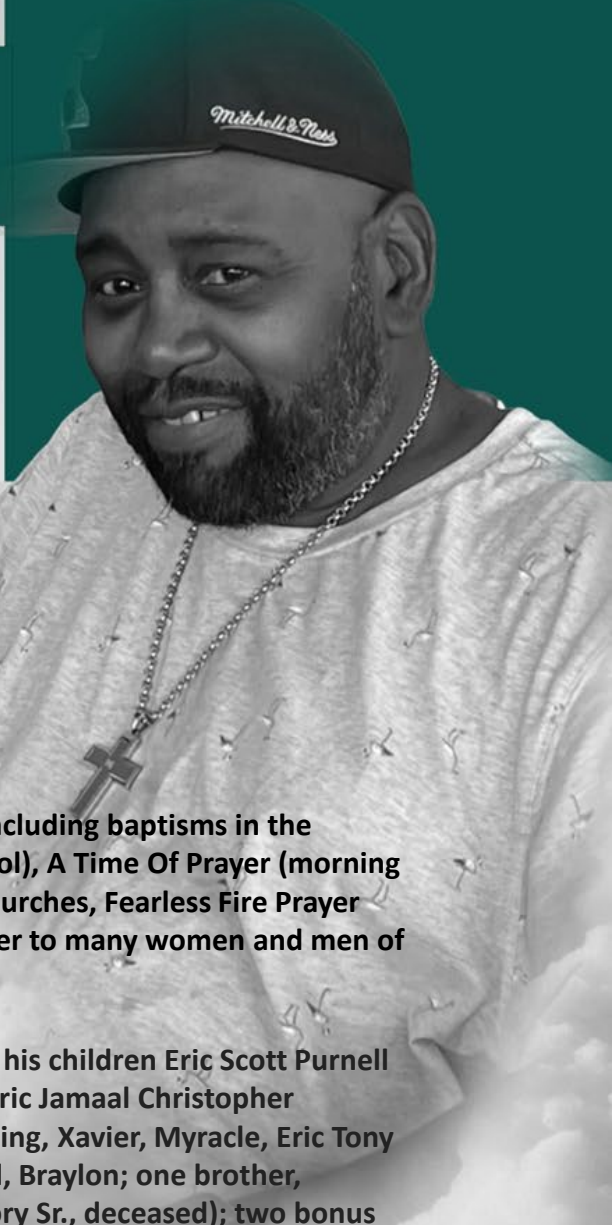


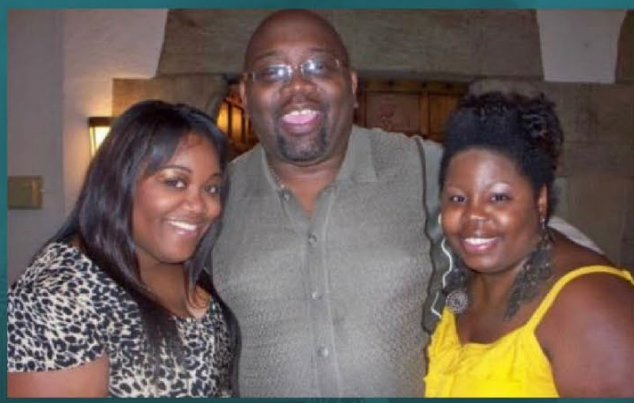
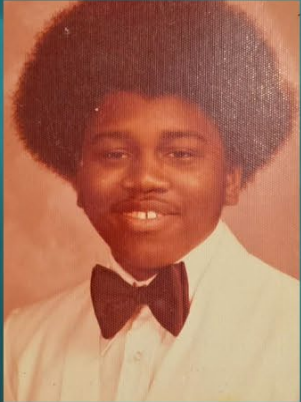
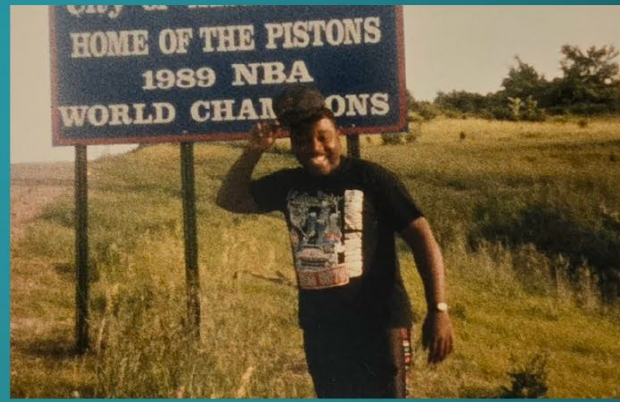
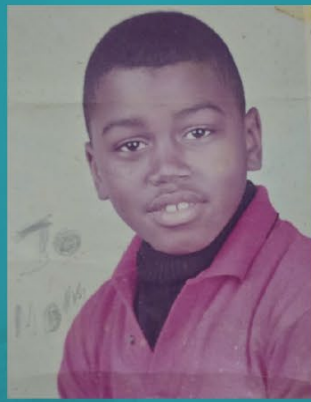
In 2009 Reverend Eric Tony Christopher received his Bachelors Degree in Ministerial Studies while at the same time he was ordained as a reverend into the body of Christ. Continuing his studies, in 2011 Rev Christopher received his Masters in Theology. He continued to pursue his educational goals for his doctoral degree through 2013 until he had to withdraw due to health challenges. In 2017 Rev Christopher was confirmed into the offices of Prophet and Pastor.

For the last 15 years Rev Christopher has been Pastor of KOGIAH Global Healing Ministries (Kingdom Of God Is At Hand) with his wife. Through his obedience to God and his commitment to the KOGIAH vision he was instrumental in birthing the following:

Ongoing global mission trips, 'Church On The Beaches' with full services including baptisms in the oceans, Tree Of Life Institute of Biblical Studies (a leadership training school), A Time Of Prayer (morning prayer group), Donna-Jeanne Ministries Church, Fearless Fire League of Churches, Fearless Fire Prayer group, Men of Faith Prayer Team, as well as being a Spiritual support/father to many women and men of faith.

Eric leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Dr. Donna Jeanne Christopher; his children Eric Scott Purnell (Jennifer), Roshona Porter (Montrell Sr.), Tiyonna Jones (Torrian Sr.), and Eric Jamaal Christopher (Natasha); 13 grandchildren: Erianna, Torrian Jr., Terrance, Trent, Jenezyz King, Xavier, Myracle, Eric Tony II, Montrell (PJ) Jr., Takai, Eric M., Naomi, and Adrian; one great-grandchild, Braylon; one brother, Sherman Christopher (Ethel); one sister-in-law, Bernice Christopher (Gregory Sr., deceased); two bonus brothers, Robert Braxton (Pam) and Billy Braxton (Dani); one bonus sister, Kim Braxton; the KOGIAH Ministries; and a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.







REV. ERIC T. CHRISTOPHER

# GOD HAS SMILED ON ME

GOD HAS SMILED ON ME  
HE HAS SET ME FREE, MM  
GOD HAS SMILED ON ME  
SHOULD'VE BEEN GOOD TO ME

HE IS THE CAUSE OF ALL MY JOY  
FILLS ME WITH HIS LOVE  
EVERYTHING I NEED  
OOH, HE SENDS IT DOWN FROM UP ABOVE, HALLELUJAH

SMILED ON ME  
(HE HAS SET) HE HAS SET (ME FREE) ME FREE  
(GOD HAS) OH GOD SMILED ON ME  
(HE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME) SHOULD'VE BEEN GOOD TO ME

A LAMP UNTO MY PATH IS HE  
WITHOUT HIM, I WOULD FALL  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS TO YOU  
OH, BUT TO ME, HE'S MY ALL IN ALL  
THANK YOU, JESUS

HE'S BEEN SMILING ON ME  
(HE HAS SET) OH, HE SET ME (ME FREE) HE SET ME FREE  
(GOD HAS) GOD HAS SMILED ON ME (SMILED ON ME) THANK YOU, JESUS  
(HE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME) BEEN GOOD, HE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME  
I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO SAY IT ONE MORE TIME, GOD HAS

HE'S BEEN SMILING ON ME  
(HE HAS SET) HE HELPED ME WHEN I WAS HUNGRY (ME FREE)  
HE'S BEEN WITH ME WHEN I WAS LONELY  
(GOD HAS) HE PUT BREAD ON MY TABLE (SMILED ON ME)

HE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME  
(LORD, YOU'VE BEEN GOOD TO ME  
LORD, YOU'VE BEEN GOOD TO ME  
HE'S BEEN GOOD TO ME

# WORDS OF TRIBUTE



Daddy,

Thank you for 43 years of growth, life lessons, and most importantly, love. I've always told people that my Daddy was the strongest man I knew. Your life is a testament to the loving-kindness of God, a pure example of His grace and mercy.

When you got sick and we would talk, I would always ask, "How you feeling, Daddy?" Your response never wavered: "God is able, baby." Those simple yet profound four words became my mantra. "God is able."

I cherish our special moments dancing to "Isn't She Lovely." From my childhood dance competition where you mouthed those meaningful words to me, to our final dance at my wedding where you made me feel like that little girl again—thank you for always reminding me that I'm lovely, that I was made from love.

Even though I know I will see you again, the pain of not having you on earth is immense. I didn't know my heart could break the way it has. But even through this pain, there is joy. I rejoice knowing you are no longer suffering. I find comfort knowing we will reunite one day and that you've left us with a legacy of love.

Through it all, I hold onto what you taught me: "God is able."

Love you always,  
Shoni

# WORDS OF TRIBUTE

Dad,

I miss you. As a matter of fact, I miss you with ever fiber of my being. You're such a beautiful spirit from that big smile to that goofy laugh. You lived a good life and I am ever so proud of you and the man of God you are. I know you sit with the Lord now and although my humanness makes me upset that you're gone, the God in me is so happy for your ascension into the kingdom. Know that your baby boy Romans 10:9'd and until we meet again Daddy I love you with everything I am! Rest well now!

Love,  
Eric Jamaal

# WORDS OF TRIBUTE

To my daddy,

If life has taught me one thing, it really emphasizes that our time spent on Earth is very short. I've always admired how you loved on me. Our talks about life and football will always stay with me. Your eagerness to teach me about the Bible has always been special to me. In your eyes, I will always be your little girl even as an adult. When we were together in a room the jokes we would tell would have people laughing for hours. I'm reminded of you every time I look in the mirror as I am YOU in a female form. I love you so much and I promise to always make you happy and proud of me. As we lay you to rest, my heart is aching but I know you're in a better. Until we are reunited know that I love you tremendously.

Love Mook

# WORDS OF TRIBUTE

To my Grampy,

I have missed you so much these past couple of months during your sickness. Grampy I'm going to miss bugging you to play your video games and asking you for your snacks. I wish you were still here with me. I'm going to make you proud of me on the football field every time I play. I love you Grampy get you rest now.

Love Takai

Hey Pop Pop,

I'm thankful that I got to meet you. And I love you. And I'm going to miss you. And I'm thankful for all the time I got to spend with you, even if it was small. I love you.

Love,  
Tony

Dear Grampy,

Throughout my life of seeing you being sick and battling cancer for so long, it's been an honor to be by your side and play video games with you. Also, I loved when you showed me our special joke. One day I'll be able to do it on you. Get your rest.

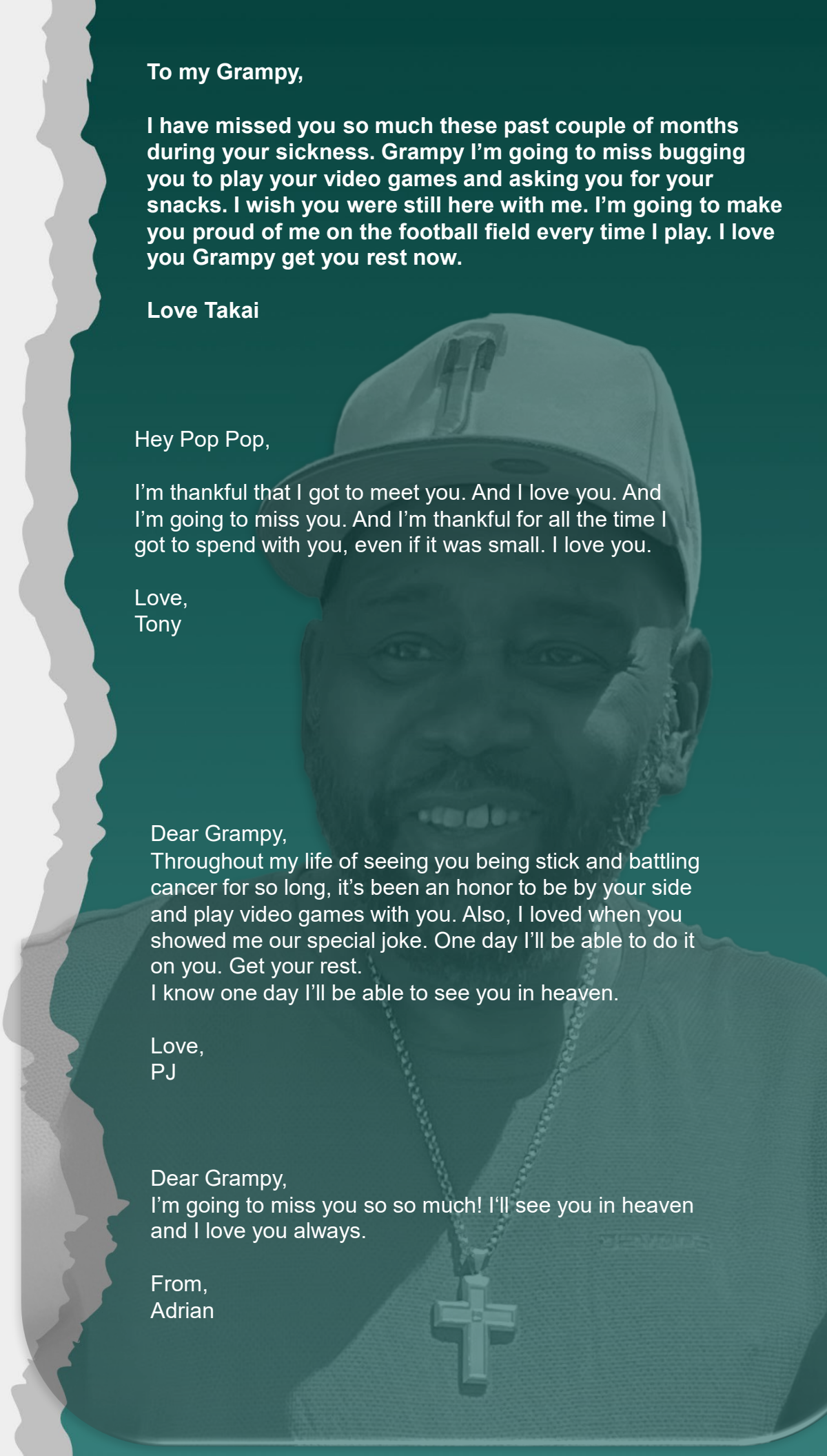
I know one day I'll be able to see you in heaven.

Love,  
PJ

Dear Grampy,

I'm going to miss you so so much! I'll see you in heaven and I love you always.

From,  
Adrian



# SPECIAL THANKS

## **PALL BEARERS:**

TORRIAN JONES SR  
TERRANCE JONES  
TRENT JONES  
TORRIAN JONES JR  
MONTRELL PORTER SR  
ERIC S. PURNELL

## **HONORARY PALL BEARER:** ERIC JAMAAL CHRISTOPHER

REPASS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE INTERMENT AT  
**DIVINITY HALL**  
6011 MARKET STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Special thanks to : The Pastor, Officers and members of  
our TRUTH MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY  
To the FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF KOGIAH  
To the Joy International Alliance

Your words have comforted us, your prayers have strengthened  
us, and your love has sustained us.  
We extend our deepest thanks to you for all your kindness during  
this time. We appreciate it more than words can express, and it  
will always be remembered.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. THE  
LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND  
BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU.  
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON  
YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE, NOW,  
HENCEFORTH AND FOREVERMORE, AMEN

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