Broken Link

We knew little that day, that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems to be the same,
But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

Acknowledgments

During these most difficult hours family and good friends are truly a blessing. We thank God for the precious gifts of love, family and friendship. We thank each of you for reminding us that the unchangeable love of God is a fountain of strength and serenity.

Interment

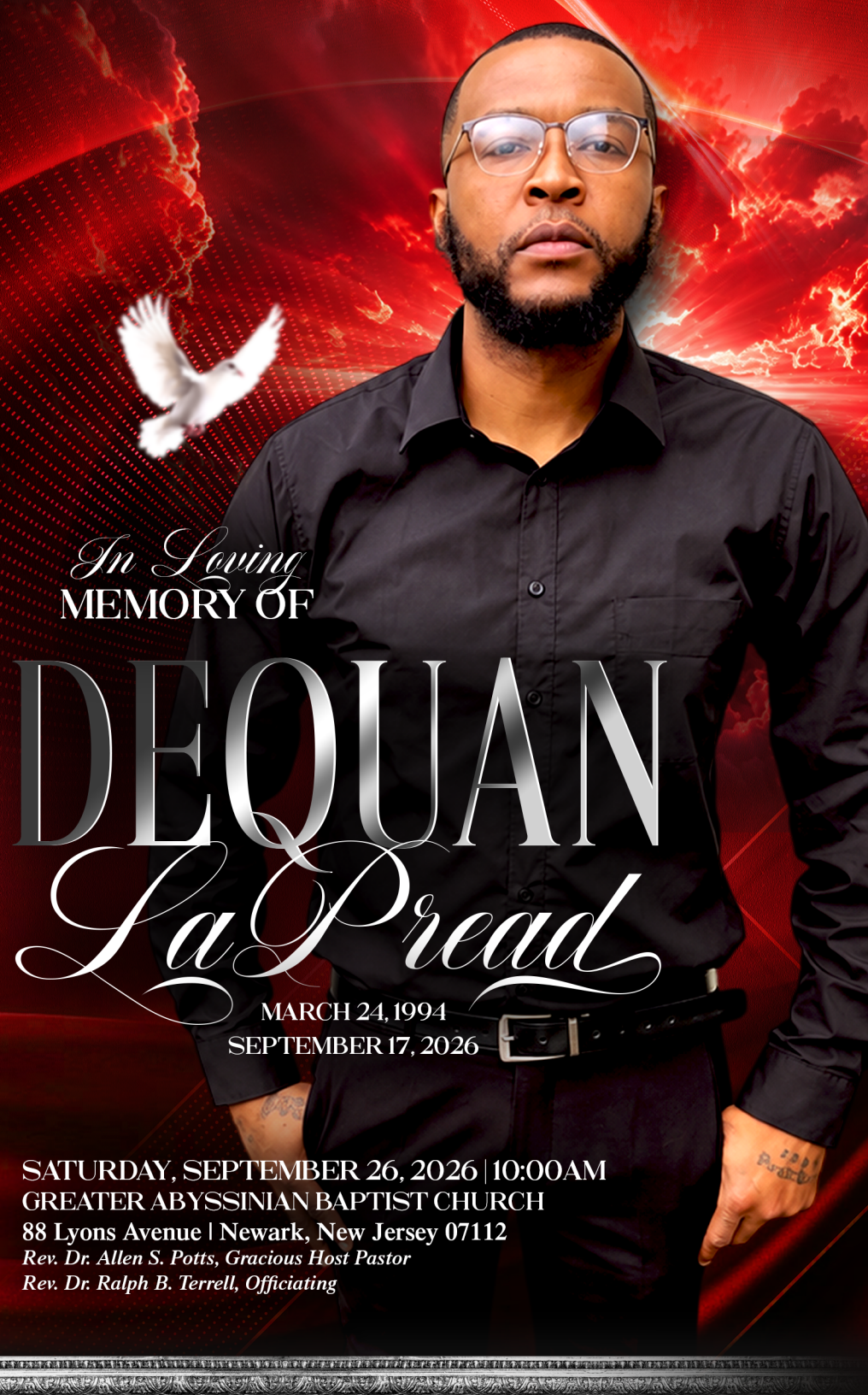
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In Loving
MEMORY OF

DEQUAN La Pread

MARCH 24, 1994
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 | 10:00AM
GREATER ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Rev. Dr. Allen S. Potts, Gracious Host Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ralph B. Terrell, Officiating

DEQUAN LaPread

HIS STORY

DEQUAN MARQUIS JAMES LAPREAD was born on March 24, 1994, at University Hospital (UMDNJ) in Newark, New Jersey. On Thursday, September 17, 2026, Dequan departed this life, leaving behind cherished memories and a lasting impact on all who knew and loved him.

Dequan was a proud graduate of West Side High School, where he earned his diploma in June 2012. Throughout his school years, he demonstrated both academic excellence and determination. He received the Academic Achievement Award in 2011 and was recognized for his accomplishments in extracurricular activities, earning Volleyball and Chess Trophies in 2011 and 2012. Earlier, in 2009, Dequan celebrated success as a Softball League Champion, a reflection of his competitive spirit and love for sports.

A devoted sports enthusiast, Dequan enjoyed spending his time watching football and basketball. Whether cheering for his favorite teams or discussing the latest games, sports brought him great joy. He also had a passion for fashion and took pride in his appearance. Dequan could often be found dressed in his favorite brands and sneaker collection which featured Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, True religion, and much more.

Dequan was a hardworking and dedicated individual. He was employed as an Overnight Stocker at ShopRite and also worked in the catering industry.

Above all, Dequan treasured the love and support of his family and friends. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved mother, Latonya LaPread; his father, Rasool Jacobs; his maternal grandmother, Cathy LaPread; and his paternal grandmother, Evelyn Jacobs-Scruggs. He is also survived by his sisters, Tanesha M. Williams, Destani R. Jacobs, Azaiyah K. LaPread, and Kaylah A. LaPread; his niece, Alaysha Newsome; and his nephew, Seon J. Williams.

Dequan's memory will also be lovingly carried on by his uncles, Sidney Dailey, Rocmeen LaPread, Kaliff LaPread, Quadee LaPread, and Pierre LaPread; his cousins, Tominka LaPread and her four children, Tiahna Booker and her four children, as well as the children of all his uncles. He also leaves behind his devoted girlfriend, Rafiqa Ahmed, along with many extended family members, friends, and loved ones whose lives were enriched by his presence. His is predeceased by Great Grandmother Mattie LaPread, his Great Aunts Joyce LaPread and Penny LaPread, His Great Uncle Guy LaPread, And his paternal Grandfather Agine Muhammad. Dequan will be remembered for his kind heart, unwavering loyalty, sense of humor, his love of family, his protectiveness over his loved ones, and his determination to live life on his own terms. His smile, style, and spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.









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