



**Gone But Never Forgotten**

### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or 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,  
Ah yes, these things I too, will miss.  
Be not burdened down with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've 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 heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now. He set me free.*



### *—Note of Thanks—*

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair;  
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.  
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words as any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much,  
whatever the part. May God bless each and every one of you.*

**The Family**

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## *Celebrating the Life of Qadir Sharif Ali*



Friday, September 26, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

**Walls Memorial Baptist Church**  
*Shelby, North Carolina*

Reverend Nathaniel Craig, Pastor  
*Officiating*



Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	Ministers & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	12:00 Noon – 1:00 P.M.
Call to Worship	Reverend Nathaniel Craig
Selection	Choir
Old Testament Scripture Reading	Minister
New Testament Scripture Reading	Minister
Prayer of Comfort	Deaconess Jackson
Selection	Mrs. Linda Hopper
Remarks (Limit to two minutes, Please)	Deacon Jackson Men On A Mission and Others
Selection	Rev Nathaniel Craig
Eulogy	Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Recessional Selection	Choir



Committal/Interment

Walls Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery  
Shelby, North Carolina

Flower and Pall Bearers  
Family and Friends

Life Reflections

Mr. Qadir Sharif Ali was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on May 10, 1958 to Minnie Bell Lee “Shirley” Jeffries and the late Junior Rosemond Jeffries.

In addition to his late father, he was preceded in death by his wife, Leona Irving; one sister, Barbara Lee Johnson; two brothers, Christopher Terrence Jeffries and Rodney Jeffries; nephew Jarrett De’jour Jeffries.

Qadir transitioned peacefully on Friday, September 19, 2025 at Juniper Gardens Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Gastonia, North Carolina.

He was a member of Walls Memorial Baptist Church. He was a retired Security Officer in New York during the rebuilding of the tower and memorial from the 911 attacks. Before he worked as a security officer he worked a number of years in the trucking industry. Qadir had a whole toolbox of skills and passions: His family was his first love followed by an extreme passion for boxing even winning a championship in his 20’s. He was a protector. He loved to sing, watch westerns, listen to 70’s music, cook, teach and mentor others. He taught his younger brothers how to cut hair. He was always willing and ready to help anyone in any way he could.

Those left to cherish fond and loving memories are his loving mother, Shirley Lee Jeffries of Shelby, NC; 2 daughters, Regina Sparrow of Bowling Green Kentucky, and Niesha Ali of Jamestown, NC; 1 son, Thomas Brinson of FL; 3 brothers Gary Bernard Jeffries (Tina) of Shelby, NC, Dwayne Michael Jeffries (Cynthia) of York, SC, and Scott Nesby Jeffries (Dawn) of Neptune, NJ; two sisters, Drucilla (S.L.) Smallwood of Charlotte, NC, and Jennifer Lee Jeffries (Shawn) Merritt of Kings Mountain, NC; 2 grand children, Anthony Bogan, Passaic, NJ, and T’Meyia Warren of Jamestown, NC; a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



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