



## Emmett Providence

August 30, 1970 - September 19, 2021

He was born on August 30, 1970, in New Haven to George and Barbara Providence. His father, a native of Guyana, was the first African American bricklayer in New Haven. His mother was a social worker and former executive director of the Child and Family Resource Program of Head Start. Emmett was the cherished last addition to the Providence family and lovingly doted upon by parents and siblings as a baby and young child. The arc of his life was irreparably altered when, at the age of seven, he came within an hour of death due to an unexplained failure of his kidneys. At eight he became one of the youngest kidney transplant recipients in the United States with a kidney donated by his older brother Ray. He would be blessed with three more kidneys during his lifetime.

After his first kidney transplant Emmett attended Wilbur Cross High School before enrolling at Dewitt Clinton High School in the Bronx after the family moved to New York City. He later returned to New Haven so that he could graduate from Cross.

Though he spent significant time in the hospital, negotiating with doctors and other health care providers, his life was significant for the fierceness with which he pushed through his physical challenges to craft a life of significance.

He lived in New York City for twenty years. Emmett had a love of cooking which saw him attend a culinary arts school before working as an employee for Verizon for ten years before retiring due to disability.

The dominant passion of his life was football, and he was blessed to coach as an assistant at the celebrated Christ The King Regional High School, in addition to serving as head coach on several semiprofessional football teams in Brooklyn. Though he eventually moved back home to New Haven and then Waterbury, he continued to coach, commuting weekly to both practices and games in New York City faithfully as his health permitted. At the time of his passing, he was an assistant coach for the New Haven Steelers.

Emmett is survived by his parents, George E. A. Providence, Sr. and Barbara A. Providence; his wife Wanda, daughter Breana and stepson Juwan. His five older brothers George, Jr. (Lynn), Ray (Dawn), Eric, Sr. (Anne), Keith, Sr. (Lula, Hyclis), and Kenneth; and a host of relatives including an aunt, uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The repast service will be held at the V.F.W. located at 403 Morse Street, Hamden, Connecticut.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel  
95 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511

### Funeral Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Emmmett Providence*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My heart go out to you and your family Keith we will miss Emmmett*



**Morris Trent** - October 13, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *We send love and condolences to the Providence family on the passing of your beloved Emmett. May God comfort you and bring peace at this time . With our love and prayers. Ruby Richardson Harper and family*

**Ruby Harper** - October 12, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ *To The Providence Family My Condolences On The Loss Of Emmmett I Grow Up Living In Eastern Circle And Was Sadden To Hear Of His Passing You All Are In My Prayers 🙏🙏🙏 R.I.Paradise Emmmett.*



**Cynthia McCoy** - October 11, 2021 at 11:42 PM

TJ

“ Emmett  
You were a little gentle Giant that was greatly loved by your family and friends. You will be missed, continue your coaching in the Heavens above. God bless you & rest in Peace

Tanya Jeter-Coleman - October 08, 2021 at 04:56 PM

EC

“ He was definitely my childhood best friend, we learned how to play sports together even when he moved away to New York he would still come and get me and bring me to NY . He was one tough dude a true fighter. I will definitely miss my friend/ brother.  
To the Providence family I love you guys, This is Neil by the way.  
RIP MY BROTHER

Earl Caple - October 06, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Emmett Providence.



October 05, 2021 at 05:48 PM

BF

“ On behalf of the Benton Family we send our deepest condolences and love to the family  
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Benton Family - October 01, 2021 at 02:31 AM

JB

“ To the Providence family you have my sincere condolences. I have fond memories of all the Providence "Boys" and the family. Much love to you during these hours of grief.

*Mrs. Jacqueline Bracey*

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**Jacqueline Bracey** - September 29, 2021 at 02:33 PM

GI

*Mrs. Bracey, thank you so much for reaching out and your kind words. We all have great memories of kicking it with you at the "Q" House and playing softball in PAL with your husband umpiring. My mother will be very pleased to know you are well, God bless!*

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**George Providence II** - October 07, 2021 at 10:25 PM