



Presley Joines Jr.

January 11, 1948 - February 17, 2021

Presley Joines Jr., passed away peacefully on February 17, 2021 in Yale New Haven Hospital Saint Raphael's Campus. Presley was born in Harlem, NY to the late Presley Joines Sr. and Doreatha Grayson-Joines on January 11, 1948. He was preceded in death by his loving paternal grandparents Elizabeth and Henry Joines. He attended the Laurinburg Institute Preparatory School in Laurinburg, NC and graduated from Wilby High School in Waterbury, CT in 1968 where he was a member of the football and track and field teams. After graduating from high school, Presley went on to attend college at North Carolina A&T University where he was awarded an athletic scholarship for his outstanding skills in football.

Throughout his life there were many awards and accolades bestowed upon Presley for his great athleticism. In high school he was a letterman and held the title of Captain. In his junior year of high school Presley broke a state record for track and field in the shotput event and he was slated to play professional football. Although he never did play on a national team, Presley continued to keep himself in shape both mentally and physically through martial arts. He has won 1st place championships in Karate, Judo and Taekwondo. Studying under Sensei Moon at Moon's Academy of Martial Arts, he earned 3rd degree black belts in Karate and Taekwondo and a 1st degree black belt in Judo; he continued to study until a severe injury left him partially paralyzed.

Affectionally known as Big Prez to those who had the pleasure of knowing him, he is remembered as a giant who was light on his feet, soft hearted, but nothing to play with; a gentleman with class and style. To his family he was known as the protector and so much more. If you had the pleasure of being around him, you knew family was extremely important.

Presley always took time out for the younger generations of his family, playing chess and any game that challenged the mind and mental strength while also sharing words of wisdom. His family will miss talking with him about politics and social justice.

Presley leaves behind to cherish his memory daughters China R. Joines-Byrd of Stratford, CT, Kenya K. Joines-Byrd of New Haven, CT and a son Khalil Stovall (Nikki) of Franklinton, NC; brother Thomas J. Marshall (Oleksandr) of Brooklyn, NY; an uncle Eldridge Sanderson (Brenda) of Norwalk, CT; Grandsons Kenneth Vincent Jr., Geraldo J. Garcia and Ziair D. Williams; granddaughters Laila Lambert and Imani A Gilchrist; cousins Barbara Joines-Jackson, Ramona "Pinky Alford, Debbie Thornton both of Washington DC and Donna Williams of Middletown, CT whom he was very close to; a special nephew Ronald "Ronnie" Medlock of Maine and a dear friend Paul Bialobrzieski, who was like a brother to him; 2 great-grandchildren, and a large host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents and grandparents, Presley was preceded in death by his sisters Risha and Shurieda Marshall, brothers Attenaire L. "Butch" Joines, Keith Allen and Meylert Q. Marshall and two nephews Allen C. Marshall and Billye P. Smith. One week after his passing his sister Tamara B. Joines-Smith of Tampa, FL joined him in eternal rest. On behalf of the alumni and Presley's former coaches, a brick in his memory will be placed in the Alumni Courtyard of Wilby High School.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Presley Joines Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Grandma teaching us to spell at the kitchen table and Presley laughing 😂*

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April 02, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Presley Joines Jr..*



April 01, 2021 at 10:23 PM



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