

## The Day God Took You Home

A million times I've needed you  
A million times I've cried,  
If love alone could have saved you  
You never would have died.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
No one else can ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone  
Part of me went with you,  
The day God took you home.



### Acknowledgment

The Sparrow Family wishes to express our thanks and appreciations for all of the expressions of sympathy, kind acts, support and deeds extended to us during this time of bereavement.

May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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## HOME GOING SERVICE In Celebration of The Life of



# Hilburn Sparrow II

**Sunrise:** August 6, 1959    **Sunset:** July 25, 2020

**Monday, August 3, 2020 at 12:00 Noon**

**Martin's Home For Service, Inc.**  
48 Elm Street, Montclair, NJ 07042  
**Dr. Kirk W. Morton, Officiating**

# Order of Service

Dr. Kirk W. Morton, Presiding

**Processional**..... "We've Come This Far By Faith"  
Reverend Milton Biggham

**Invocation**..... Omega Psi Phi Hymn  
Dr. Kirk W. Morton

**Hymn of Praise**..... "Every Praise" - Hezekiah Walker

**Scripture Readings**.....

**Old Testament**..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
Mackenzie Goodwyn

**New Testament Lesson**..... John 14:1-6  
Hilburn Sparrow III

**Prayer of Comfort**..... Dr. Kirk W. Morton

**Song of Assurance**..... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"  
Lauryn Hill and Tanya Blount

**Obituary**..... Jamal Mention

**Musical Medley**..... Memorial Video

**Message of Comfort**..... Dr. Kirk W. Morton

**Recessional**..... "I'll Fly Away" - The Clergy and Family

## Interment

Rosedale Cemetery  
408 Orange Road, Montclair, New Jersey

# The Life Reflection

**Hilburn Sparrow II**, fondly known as "Mike", born on August 6, 1959 at Annie Penn Memorial Hospital in Reidsville, North Carolina. He was the 2nd child born to the Late Hilburn and Margaret Sparrow. He entered into eternal peace on Saturday July 25, 2020. By the time Mike turned 2 years old, his family moved to Montclair, New Jersey. Mike was a product of the Montclair Public School System, where he received a quality education. While in High School Hilburn played football and baseball. He graduated from Montclair High School in 1977. Upon graduation he attended North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham, North Carolina. During his time at NCCU Mike followed in his Father's footsteps and pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc becoming a member of the Tau Psi Chapter in April 1980. He is a lifetime member of Omega Psi Phi and is known as "Mad Dog." Mike graduated from NCCU with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He furthered his education at Montclair State University where he received a Master of Arts Degree.

Hilburn began his teaching career with the East Orange Public School System in 1982 where he taught Science. While teaching in East Orange Hilburn continued his love of sports by coaching Football, Basketball and Baseball. Also, while teaching Science, Hilburn pursued a second Masters at Montclair State University in Administration. After receiving that Degree, Hilburn became a Vice Principal with the Paterson School District at School 10 and School 13. While at School 13 he was promoted and became Principal. In 2009 Mike was transferred to School 14. He served as Principal and worked there until his retirement in December of 2019.

Mike was a people person and an outstanding family man. There wasn't anything he would not do to help others. He gave of himself without hesitation. Those who knew Mike knew he was an avid sports fan. He could be found anytime watching basketball, baseball and football. He was a die heart Giants fan. Go Giants!!!

Mike leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Patsy, 4 sons Hilburn III (Lynee), Lamond, Washington, DC, Kyle, Jordan, one daughter Laila, Plainfield, NJ. Sibling sister Michielle Goodwyn (Bagley) Middletown, Delaware. Mother-in-law Eloise Williams, Newark, NJ, Sisters- in-Laws Barbara Merritt, Union, NJ, Gloria Williams, Newark, NJ and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.