

A LIFE WELL *Lived*

Carlos Maurice Cheatem was born on September 1, 1978, in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the oldest of three children born to his mother, Claudine Cheatem, and his father Carl Sirls. To this day, his mother has yet to lay eyes on a newborn baby that was cuter than Carlos. He grew up like Joseph, handsome in form and appearance.

Carlos attended Pinkerton Elementary School in Kansas City and Belvidere Elementary in Grandview, Missouri. He graduated from Grandview Senior High School and then continued his education at MidAmerican Nazarene University in Olathe, KS on a football scholarship, where he graduated in 2001 with a B.A in Communications and Psychology.

Carlos had no choice but to be an avid lover of football because the majority of his nine uncles played the game. Needless to say, when he was old enough to play for South Suburban Junior Athletic Association, his daily question was “Ma, when you gone sign me up for football.”

Through his preteen and Highschool years, he was either at football practice, playing football with the neighborhood boys, or watching a football game. It paid off for him because in his senior year of college, his team-record was 11-2. They ranked 4th in the nation, and he had the ring to prove it.

Carlos spent six years being a summer youth counselor for Morry’s Camp in New York. He held other positions in this field before he transitioned into his true calling and became a school teacher. He moved to New Orleans where he lived the last 10 years of his life. His last position was at ReNew SciTech Academy where he was affectionately known as “Mr. Carlos.”

Carlos was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Orange and Martha Cheatem, his paternal grandparents Eles and Anna Sirls, his uncle Anthony Cheatem, his aunt Minnie Cheatem and his Aunt Frances Morrow.

Left to cherish his memory is his mother Claudine Cheatem, father Carl Sirls, brother Claude Cheatem, sister Camille Sirls, his uncles, Orange, David, Charles, John, Russell, Ronald, Maurice, and Jonathan, his aunts Kathey Eady and Deborah (Ronnie) Alexander, his nieces De’Jah and Geoni Threats, Amina and Clau’dea Cheatem and nephews Marescus, Artavious and Caleb Threats, Ace’eon Allison and Kai Cheatem. There is also a host of cousins, friends, co-workers, stepsisters, and brothers that will forever cherish the memory of Carlos as they knew him to be.

ORDER OF *Service*

OFFICIATING MINISTER
MOSES WARD

MUSICAL PRELUDE: COURAGEOUS FIRE

PROCESSION OF FAMILY

SCRIPTURE:
OLD TESTAMENT
NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER: PASTOR JOSHUA KYANDE

MUSICAL SELECTION: JADA ALEXANDER

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES

READING OF OBITUARY

TRIBUTES:
KATHEY CHEATEM-EADY
RUSSELL CHEATEM
RONALD CHEATEM
JASON CRUSE
TOMMY ROSS

MUSICAL SELECTION: COURAGEOUS FIRE

VIDEO PRESENTATION

EULOGY: MOSES WARD

CLOSING PRAYER

FIRST LINE CELEBRATION

PROCESSIONAL

“WHEN I COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD
AND THE SUN HAS SET FOR ME
I WANT NO RITES IN A GLOOM-FILLED ROOM
WHY CRY FOR A *soul set free?*”

The family would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation all of the acts of love that have been extended. We have been lifted on the wings of love. May God reward you and bless you bountifully.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO
HENDERSON HIGHLAND PARK FUNERAL HOME
3500 6TH AVE. DES MOINES, IA 50313

INTERMENT
HIGHLAND MEMORY GARDENS
1 NE 60TH AVE. DES MOINES, IA 50313



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Carlos Cheatem

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1978– SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021

Services: October 1, 2021 @ 11:00am

Imani Family Church

815 8th St West Des Moines, IA 50265