

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love.*

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Gerald Cowles, Jr.
Jasaan Dowell
Shawn Henderson
DeMar Nelson

Barry Saunders
Laveil Watkins
Marc Williams
Ronell Williams

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Noah Akers
Tyrone Bellinger
Lynell Collins
Gerald Cowles, Sr.
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Greg Hughes
John McCoy
Cedrick McMillian
Kenny Smith
Larry Welch

Terrance Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Family of Roland Jamell Akers, we would like to personally extend our appreciation for the love, sympathy, food, flowers, cards and prayers received during our time of grief. It helped not only to hold the family up, but to enhance the memories of Roland. Special thank yous to Superintendent Sam L. Townsend, Sr. and the Greater Glory COGIC and Pastor Kenneth J. Ransfer, Sr. and the Greater Mt. Baker Baptist Church.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROLAND JAMELL AKERS

May 4, 1987 ~ August 28, 2005



Services held:

Greater Glory COGIC

6419 M.L. King, Jr. Way South, Seattle, WA 98118

Saturday, September 3, 2005 ~ 1:00 p.m.

**Supt. Sam L. Townsend, Sr., Pastor
Officiating**

A Letter from Heaven

To my dearest family some things I'd like to say,
But first of all to let you know that I arrived okay.
I'm writing you from Heaven where I dwell with God above,
Where there's no more tears of sadness there is just eternal love.
Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon, and night.
That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through,
God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you."
"I need you here so badly as part of My big plan,
There's so much we have to do to help our mortal man."
Then God gave me a list of things He wished for me to do,
And foremost on that list of mine is to watch and care for you.
And I will be beside you every day and week and year,
And when you're sad I'm standing there to wipe away that tear.
And when you lie in bed at night the days chores put to flight,
God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night.
When you think of my life on earth and all the loving years,
Because you're only human they are bound to bring you tears.
But do not be afraid to cry it does relieve the pain,
Remember there would be no flower unless there was some rain.
I wish that I could tell you of all that God has planned,
But if I were to tell you you wouldn't understand.
But one thing is for certain though my life on earth is o'er,
I am closer to you now than I ever was before.
And to my dearest friends trust God for He knows best,
I'm still not far away from you I'm just beyond the crest.
There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb,
But together we can do it taking one day at a time.
When you are walking down the street and you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.
And when you feel that gentle breeze or the wind upon your face,
That's me giving you a great big hug or just a soft embrace.
And when it's time for you to go from that body to be free,
Remember you're not going.....you are *coming* here to me!

All My Love,
Little Roland

OBITUARY

Roland Jamell Akers was born May 4, 1987 in Seattle, Washington to the proud parents of Roland Akers and Dorothy Phillips. Roland attended Seattle Public Schools. He was a dynamic athlete. Playing basketball was his first love of sports. Roland played as early as six years of age for the Garfield Parks Department. He played for the Washington Warriors, Rotary Boys Club, and most important, AAU Basketball, traveling all over the United States.

Roland was known for his beautiful smile and magnetic personality. When he walked into a room there was a spiritual aura that evolved around him. Shortly before his passing, Roland accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his father, Roland Akers; mother, Dorothy Phillips; brothers, Lynell Phillips, Larry Welch and Noah Stuckey; sister, Belinda Akers; godparents, Patricia McRae and Jerard Lofton; as well as a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and an entourage of friends.

LOVING MEMORIES

*You are not forgotten, loved one, nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.*

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by, we miss you more;
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude Sis. Lucia Wiggins

Processional

Words of Life and Hope

Old Testament Psalm 23

Deacon Charles Oliver

New Testament Philippians 4:4-9

Rev. Dean Braxton

Prayer of Consolation Pastor Richard Thompson
Seattle International Christian Fellowship

Solo Sis. Lisa Allen

Acknowledgments Sis. Dianna Phillips

Obituary(Read Silently)

Reflections Sis. Chereese Phillips
Family and Friends

(Please limit to two minutes)

Solo Sis. Monica Thompson

Eulogy Superintendent Samuel L. Townsend, Sr.

Recessional Sis. Lucia Wiggins