



## Melvin Maurice Cooper Jr.

July 8, 1966 - October 25, 2014

The Reflections of Life Melvin Maurice Cooper, Jr., known to family as Lil Melvin and to friends as CeJa, departed this earthly realm on Saturday evening, October 25, 2014 CeJa was born on July 8, 1966 to Melvin Maurice Cooper of Washington, DC and Rachel Jodean Cooper of Lancaster, Virginia. He spent his early childhood in Maryland before moving to Virginia, where he attended Lancaster County Schools. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Willie Chapel Baptist Church. He eventually returned to Maryland in his teens to attend Prince George s County Schools. In his early twenties, CeJa moved to Atlanta after visiting for a brief stay. There he made a life and met Catrice Henning, who he later married. From this union came their only daughter, Ariana. Blessed with an artistic eye, CeJa s passion was photography; he was almost always seen with a camera in hand. In addition to photography, CeJa enjoyed being outdoors. Whenever he could, he would be found hiking, fishing, or in the vicinity of water. CeJa had a natural love for people. Whether it was on the job or out in the community, he rarely met a stranger. Beyond photography, CeJa loved to volunteer. During the holiday season, he would make brown paper bag lunches and distribute them along with blankets to the homeless. He also volunteered with the Special Olympics, where he was a coach for the Georgia Chapter. Melvin Maurice Cooper, Jr. is survived by: his daughter, Ariana Cooper of Decatur, GA; his mother, Rachel Cooper of Lancaster, VA, and father, Melvin Cooper, Sr. of Fort Washington, MD; one sister, Candice C. Floyd of Fort Washington; one brother-in-law, Lane

Floyd; two aunts, Theresa Bell of Washington, DC and Deserie (Isaac) Curry of Capital Heights, MD; eight uncles: Welford, Jr. (Mary) of Lancaster, VA; Ernest (Tinnie) of Camp Springs, MD; Henry (Rose) of Columbia, MD; Marvin of Reistertown, MD; Arthur Cooper (Marjorie) of Flowery Branch, GA; Louis Cooper of Upper Marlboro, MD; Joseph Cooper (Eleanor) of Bowie, MD; and Jerome Cooper of Upper Marlboro, MD; one nephew, Ayden Floyd of Fort Washington, MD; as well as a large host of cousins and friends. Celebration of life services for Mr. Melvin M. Cooper, Jr. will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Gregory B. Levett and Sons, South DeKalb Chapel. Viewing will be held Friday October 31, 2014 from 2pm 8PM at Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home, South DeKalb Chapel. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy., Decatur, GA. 30033. 404-241-5656. For more information, text MCooper to 72727.