In Loving Memory
Of
Jimmy Milton Slater

Sunrise September 3, 1946
Sunset November 27, 2007

Saturday, December 1, 2007
12:30pm (Final Viewing 12:30-12:45)
Colonial Chapel
2626 High Street
Oakland, California 94619

Kokahyi & Neico Sa-Ra Officiating
Jimmy Milton Slater
Going Home Service

Drum Call .................................................................Community Drummers

Processional & Prayer ........................................ Rev. Charles Wright

Libation ................................................................. Kokahyi & Neico Sa-Ra

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow .................. Catrina Blair

Obituary Reading................................................... Albert Pope Sr.

Tribute................................................................. "I WILL NOT DIE"

The Panthers Speak............................................... Comrades

God Will Take Care of You....................... Sister Rachel Thrower

Family & Friends Comments................. .... 2 min each

Ancestral Tribute.................................................. The Sa-Ra Clan

Eulogy................................................................. Oloshe Kokahyi Sa-Ra

The Journey......................................................... Song Tribute

Closing Prayer..................................................... Pastor Claude Bass

Recessional......................................................... Rev Charles Wright &
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Internment
Roselawn Cemetery
Livermore, CA
Obituary

Jimmy Milton Slater was born in La Grange, GA on September 3, 1946 to Benjamin Franklin Sr. and Claudia Bell Slater who preceded him in death. Jimmy graduated from Ethel W. Kight High School in La Grange, Georgia, 1964. From Georgia, Jimmy’s family migrated to Cleveland, Ohio following his cousin W.C. Burton. He then moved to Oakland, California to continue his work with the Black Panther Party in the early 70’s where he met his wife, Cynthia. He later graduated from Laney College in Oakland with an Associate Degree in Social Science. He moved on to San Francisco State to earn his Baccalaureate degree. After college Jimmy worked in construction and then for the City of Oakland for over 18 years.

Jimmy was very talented in many regards, an outstanding athlete, avid activist, wonderful husband and father, as well as a dedicated community worker. He was known and loved all over the community. He was constantly telling stories about “back in the day” and spreading his southern charm. Jimmy had a heart of gold that reached out to everyone that knew him. Jimmy was everyone's friend and took the time to get to know everyone and he knew everyone. In years past, Jimmy created and coached baseball teams for youth in the Oakland area.

Jimmy was a family man first who love his wife and best friend Cynthia. He loved his children Leslie, Neico and Rashidah. Jimmy Slater was a warrior, a strong dedicated member of the Black Panther Party. Jimmy had a very special love for his friends, family and comrades.

Jimmy Milton Slater passed quietly into eternity on November 27, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Franklin Sr. and Claudia Bell Slater, his brothers Frank and Rasheed (Willie Roy) Slater, sister Mildred Tigner Ware, and beloved son, Leslie Turrell Slater. He is survived by his devoted wife of 35 years, Cynthia A. Slater, His daughter’s Neico S. Slater-Sa-Ra (Kokahyi) and Rashidah K. Slater, brother Benjamin F. Slater, Jr. (Lois), and Grandchildren Kwabena, Afiya, Abayomi, and Oluremi Sa-Ra, as well as a host of relatives and friends.
A Legacy of Love

To my loving Husband

We gave a new meaning to the words “True Love”
It was unconditional
It was the one thing in life that we were sure of
We loved each other
And raised our children in the same loving manner
Allowing them to grow into the beautiful people they are today
You were my rock
My heart
My constant in life
And I will GREATLY miss you

~Cynthia~
The strength of a man
Is not shown through
His physical being
But by how much
His spirit has affected other people
By how much
His spirit is able to take without
Giving up
True strength is shown
Through how strong his family is
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I'm sittin' in the morning sun
I'll be sittin' when the evening comes
Watching the ships roll in
Then I watch 'em roll away again
I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay
Watching the tide roll away
I'm just sittin' on the dock of the bay wastin' time

"Can't no one know at sunrise how this day is going to end.
Can't no one know at sunset if the next day will begin"
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N. Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA

Pallbearers

Mr. Jerry McCoy
Mr. Henry “Bumper” Rushing
Mr. James “The Captain” Tobias

Mr. Albert Pope
Mr. Larry “Stargroove” Robinson
Mr. James “Noble” Noble

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. William Burton
Mr. Perry Williams
Mr. Frank Kelum

Mr. Benjamin Slater, Jr
Mr. Bobby McCall
Mr. Steve Long

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Acknowledgements

Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food: If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.
Whatever the part, may God bless you. ~The Family