

"Popie"

Sunrise December 8, 1941 Sunset July 13, 2010

Monday, July 19, 2010 10:00 a.m.

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*Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating Min. Tyrone Richardson, Organist* 

<u>Obituary</u>

**Benjamin Robinson, Jr.** also known as "Popie" was born December 8, 1941 at Harlem Hospital to Earline and Benjamin Robinson, the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the start of World War 2.

Benjamin "Popie" lived his life of Peace and Love to the fullest. He shared and offered his love to all who knew him, he had very few complaints. He believed that family values and love was most important in life.

Popie, was well known and respected by many in his neighborhood. He was known by many people, from childhood to adulthood as Popie, he was in later years known as "Benny".

Popie, attended and graduated from Auto Motors High School, Brooklyn, New York. He was never known to drive or repair a car or own a driver's license.

His true love was in fashion and the culinary arts. He was known for his lavish parties and delicious serving of all types of exotic cuisine. By the way my Mother and Father, and Sister Betty were all excellent cooks.

Later he took cooking as a profession, for twenty-one years he was employed at Bloomingdales Department Store in Manhattan, other jobs included the Beach Restaurant, A Bunch of Grapes Restaurant. His cooking ability was well known by the socialites, celebrities and stars of dance and theatre.

Popie first became ill and was hospitalized at Lenox Hill Hospital in 2001, diagnosed with a brain condition. Over the next nine years medical complications plagued him. He struggled valiantly to maintain his dignity and his relationship with family and friends. Over time his body betrayed him and diminished his physical and motor skills, he lost his ability to communicate verbally or talk on the telephone. He still maintained life as best as he could living in his peaceful world without complaint.

On Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at about 12:00 Noon, the Lord entered his hospital room and relieved Popie of his suffering and took him to a Better place.

Popie leaves behind: sisters, Elizabeth Campbell, Dorothy Kemp Jackson, Elaine Lake, Patricia Abbott, Laverne Robinson, Anita Robinson, Harriet Robinson, Wendy Robinson, Denise Daniels, Bernice Daniels and Hope Porter Robinson; brothers, Nathaniel Robinson, Ronald Robinson and Quentin Jackson; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Processional
Selection "Never Would of Made It"
Scripture
Prayer
Selection "Rough Side of The Mountain"
Acknowledgements
Remarks
Obituary
EulogyRev. Lee Arrington
Selection
Committal
Viewing
Recessional

**Final Disposition** Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

## 1'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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