

*Celebration of Life for*  
*Ricky Howell, Sr.*

*Sunrise*  
*May 15, 1956*

*Sunset*  
*January 10, 2011*



*Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

## *Obituary*

**Ricky Howell, Sr.** was called to eternal rest on Monday, January 10, 2011 at Harlem Hospital.

Rich, as he was affectionately known, was born on May 15, 1956 in New York City. He was one of five children born to the late Pauline and Eddie Howell, Sr. Two of his brothers, Rubin & Steven Spears, preceded him in death.

As a youngster growing up in the Lincoln Projects he attended the New York City Public School system and graduated from Louis D. Brandis High School. He enjoyed playing the drums, singing and poetry. Basketball, which he excelled in, was a passion of his as well. For many years he helped coach basketball to the youth in the community. Rick also enjoyed R&B music, you could always find him listening to his favorites, Smokey Robinson and the Delfonics. His love for music led him to become a popular MC in the community where he was known as "Tricky Rich who Rocks The Mic" his first full time employment was with Riverton Associates where he worked for over two decades.

Rich leaves to cherish his memories: beloved son, Ricky Howell, Jr.; brothers, Eddie Howell, Jr. and Eugene "Terry" Foddrell of North Carolina; sisters, Patricia Williams of North Carolina, Carolyn Wooden of Rockland County; grandmother, Suzy May Howell; God-mother, Evelyn Howell-Williams of North Carolina; God-son, Anthony Wooden, Jr.; aunts Pearlle May Howell of Oklahoma, Barbara Jean Murray and Stella Wilson; uncles, Curley B. Howell, Jr. and John Wilson; niece, Tanaya; nephews, Kermon, Michael, Anthony, Jr. and Brandon; brother-in-law, Anthony F. Wooden, Sr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A special thanks and appreciation to Valencia Heyliger the mother of his son, devoted and longtime friends, Kenneth Malcolm and Clifford Simmons.

# *Order of Service*

Procession ..... Pastor, Drums & Family

Solo ..... “You’ll Never Walk Alone”  
Anthony Wooden, Sr.

Scripture

Solo ..... “Precious Lord”

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Remarks

Obituary ..... Rochelle White

Sermon

Viewing

Benediction

## **Interment**

*Mt. Holiness Memorial Park  
Butler, New Jersey*

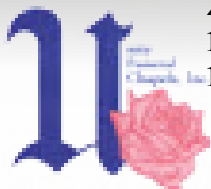
## *To Those I Love*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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