

In Loving Memory of



Harold A. Erskine

Sunrise

August 31, 1967

Sunset

April 14, 2011

Saturday, April 23, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

GREATER ZION DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

175-30 Liberty Avenue • Jamaica, NY 11433

Sr. Pastor Barbara Coutryen, Officiating
Petronal John-Phillip, Organist

The Celebration of Harold's Life

Harold A. Erskine was born in the Bronx on August 31, 1961 to the late Ena C. Julian-Erskine and George H. Erskine. Along with his brothers he was raised in Baisley Park Houses in Jamaica, New York until his family moved to Springfield Gardens, New York. He entered into his eternal rest on April 14, 2011, at his home.

Harold attended August Martin High School for his primary education. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Baruch College and he was pursuing a Master of Arts in Protection Management at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, at the time of his passing.

He started his career with the New York City Department of Correction on August 2, 1990. During his stellar career on Riker's Island, he worked in various departments such as Eric M. Taylor Center, George Motchan Detention Center, Otis Bantum Correctional Center and Gang Intelligent Unit. Due to his diligence, work ethics, professionalism (and passing the exam) he was promoted to Captain in January 24, 2003. After twenty-one years of dedicated service, he retired on April 2, 2011.

While in "Corrections", he met and married Tasheil Knight on December 13, 1997. From this union they were blessed with two daughters.

"H Roc" or "H" was Harold's nickname; he loved all sports, especially basketball. One of the events he looked forward to was "Old Timer's Day" at Montebello Park, to catch up with old friends. Harold enjoyed traveling and visiting many states and countries such as the Caribbean and Panama, the birth place of his parents. He treasured and appreciated the times spent with family and friends particularly during family gatherings. These were events where he shared his childhood memories and life experiences. He practiced his faith as a member of Greater Zion Deliverance Tabernacle.

Harold is survived by: his wife, Tasheil; two daughters, Shanette and Maya; four brothers, Rolando, Roger, Gregory and Michael; mother and father-in-law, Frances Williams and Herman Williams; sisters-in-law, Carrie, Juliet, Dolores and K'Juana; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, god-children and other close relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude *Petronal John-Phillip*

Solo *Evang. Loretta Bivens*
“His Eyes Is On The Sparrow”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23 *Pastor Edward White*
New Testament - John 14:1-3 *Pastor Larry Boylan*

Words of Comfort

Commissioner, Dept. Of Corrections, Dora B. Schriro
CCA President, Patrick Ferraiuolo

Obituary *Shanette Knight & Maya Erskine*

Solo *“It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye”*
Evang. Loretta Bivens

Eulogy *Sr. Pastor Barbara Coutryen*

Recessional Hymn *“Precious Lord Take My Hand”*

Interment
Pinelawn Memorial Park
Farmingdale, New York

Don't Quit

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.*

*Life is queer with its twist and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns a lot,
When he might have won had he struck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.*

*Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse,
That you must not quit.*

~Love Tasheil, Shanette & Maya

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Harold A. Erskine** wishes to express their deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.*

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