

A Celebration of the Life of

Arthur Patterson, Jr.

Sunrise
August 4, 1945

Sunset
April 27, 2011



Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Rev. David Jenkins, Officiating
Minister Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary

Arthur Patterson, Jr. was the first gift of six children born to the late Arthur & Gertrude Strotter-Patterson in Harlem Hospital, on August 4, 1945.

Arthur grew up at 267 West 126th St, which is located behind the Apollo Theater. In his early teens, he and his friends would sneak into the Apollo to see the stars, such as Gladys Knight & the Pips, James Brown, and Jackie Wilson, just to name a few. Arthur often played stickball on his block and would slide under cars to make his base. Oftentimes, this determination would land him in trouble with his parents, but this combination proved to be a hit with the girls.

Arthur Jr. attended P.S. 157 Elementary, James Fenmore Cooper Junior High, and Harrin High School in Harlem, NY. He was gifted in the art form of drawing and developed the skill to play the trumpet emulating Miles Davis. In high school, he played in a band. He loved listening to jazz. Art Blakey was one of his favorites. Arthur also enjoyed fishing, hunting, photography, model cars and planes. His sense of humor was unmatched. He could make you laugh with a few simple words.

Beginning the challenges of manhood, he was blessed with a son. Later, he was first employed as an orderly at a nursing home in Brooklyn, NY. At that time Arthur met Ellomise (Tracy) Tyler who became the first Mrs. Arthur Patterson. They were blessed with two sons. By this time, his responsibilities increased and his family depended on him for support. In his search for better employment, he was lead to a factory in New Jersey where he became a Laminating Technician.

When the opportunity came, he embraced developing skills in auto body repair, which became his career for the next twenty-five years. While employed at Dave's Auto Body & Mechanic Shop in Yonkers, NY, he excelled in this trade. Then, he met Theola Wright who is currently Mrs. Arthur Patterson. They were fortunate to have two children. The family relocated to Poughkeepsie, NY in 1986 where he continued as an Auto Body Mechanic at Maaco Auto Body Shop. Once established, another son joined the family. Arthur went on to work as an Industrial Training Supervisor at Green Haven Correctional Facility in Stormville, NY. He retired from the State of New York in 2009.

He was a dedicated father and loved all of his children to the utmost. Arthur was creative, friendly and funny.

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Arthur Jr. departed this life.

He leaves to grieve: his wife, Theola; six children, Jeffrey, Kenneth, Keith, Kariym, Latifa and James; one brother, Andrew Patterson; five grandchildren, Ashana, Tarell, Debonair, Shatajah, and Kariym Jr.; one great grandchild, Jaylen; three brothers-in-law, Ibn Muhammed, Lewey Wright and Robert Wright; four sisters-in-law, Valerie Patterson, Sarah Moore, Theresa Wright-Reid and Diane Wright. Arthur was also cherished by a host of nieces and nephews and treasured by best friends and acquaintances.

He was preceded in death by: one brother, Anthony (Arkill) and three sisters, Gertrude, Olivia,

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory

Bronx, New York



*For more photos and videos of Arthur Patterson, Jr., please go to:
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Acknowledgement

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