

*A Celebration of Life  
for*

*Matthew Charles Matthews*

*Sunrise  
December 31, 1946*

*Sunset  
November 23, 2011*



*Service*

*Wednesday, December 21, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.*

***ST. AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

*838 East 165th Street • Bronx, New York 10459*

*Elder Darryle S. Hardy, Officiating*

*Prof. Tyrone Patrick, Organist*

## *Reflections of Life*

*Matthew Charles Matthews* was born on December 31, 1946. He was the last of five children born of the union between the late Arthur Matthews and Annie Lee Matthews. Matthew and his siblings were all raised on 163rd Street, on "Sugar Hill". He received his religious instructions in the Catholic Parochial School System. While growing up in Washington Heights, New York, Matthew acquired several nicknames, such as "Matt", "Butch", "Charlie", and "Jumping Jack". The latter name was because of his walk, which was a family trait. He actually did jump when he walked, because he walked on his toes.

After graduating from school, Matthew's energy and ability to play different instruments provided him the opportunity to be employed by various musicians. He was one of the talented drummers playing with Jimi Hendrix. He also played with several other bands.

Matthew later formed his own production company and had produced several artists. He was founder, CEO, and president of Database Markets & Systems, where he consolidated several items such as different blends of coffee as well as a number of spices. This venture was to be his source of income when he retired from the NYC Dept. of Parks where he worked for thirty-seven years. Matt was also instrumental in forming the NYC Parks Dept. Men's Softball League, in which he loved to play.

His nieces and nephews lovingly referred to him as their "Uncle Butch". "Uncle Butch" used to call his nieces and nephews on the telephone and say, "This is your favorite alien encounter from outer space" This is just one of the many memories that will remain in their hearts.

Preceding him in death were his sister, Roberta-1978, brother, Ernest-2003, brother, Robert-2004, sister, Emily-2009 and two half brothers, Lynton and Earl (Big Butch) and one half sister, Juanita.

He leaves to mourn his passing: two nephews, Darryle S. Hardy (Regina) of Buffalo, NY and Stephan J. Matthews (Yvette) of Temple, TX; three nieces, Ianthe Hardy of Lehigh Acres, FL, Soroya Matthews of Quebec, Canada and Cheryl Hardy of Queens, NY, who preceded him in death, as well as a number of great nieces and great nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and many, many friends.

Lovingly submitted, The Family

# *Order of Service*

*Musical Prelude*

*Processional*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Solo.....Min. Joy L. McRae*

*Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Le Harris - Bass*

*Tribute*

*Solo.....Min. Joy L. McRae*

*Eulogy.....Elder Darryle S. Hardy*

*Solo*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*



## ***Interment***

*Pinelawn Memorial Park  
Farmingdale, Long Island N.Y.*

*Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow,  
but remember me in every tomorrow.*

*Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles  
I've only gone to rest a while.*

*Although my leaving caused pain and grief,  
my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.*

*So dry your eyes and remember me,  
not as I am now, but as I used to be.*

*Because, I will remember you all  
and look on with a smile,  
understand in your hearts,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.*

*As long as I have the love of each of you,  
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.*

**Pallbearers**

*New York City Parks & Recreation Department*

**Acknowledgement**

*The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all prayers, acts of kindness and sympathy shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

**Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:**

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