



In Loving Memory of
Augustus Tompkins

Sunrise
July 9, 1930

Sunset
January 23, 2012

Service

Monday, January 30, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

405 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Father Ransford Clarke, Officiating

Obituary

Augustus A. Tompkins affectionately known as “Gus” was born July 9, 1930 to the late Gladys and Augustus Tompkins in New York City. Raised by his maternal grandmother (Elizabeth Jeppe) after the death of his mother. He attended P.S. 40 in Queens until moving to Harlem where he attended P.S. 157.

Gus learned early the importance of doing things for himself, being able through hustle to become a mover and a shaker. He was employed at the Hook and Eye Factory until they went out of business.

Gus met and married Priscilla (Brown) and had three children, Thomas, Rachel and Butch (deceased).

Later in life he met and married Eva Fortune raising two children, Sabrina and Quamy. Gus was to go on to have two additional sons, Andre and Rasheem, who he also loved dearly.

On January 22, 2012 after a long illness, Gus slipped quietly from this mortal coil wearing his trademark smile.

Gus leaves to mourn: one sister, Audrey; one aunt, Beatrice; one cousin, Janet (William); four sons, Thomas, Andre, Quamy and Rasheem; two daughters, Rachel and Sabrina; two nieces, Darlene (William) Deirdre (Joseph); one nephew, Damon; twenty-three grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

Funeral Mass

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Greeting
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Placing of the Pall
Entrance Procession
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Job 19:1, 23-27
Psalm: 23
Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

FINAL COMMENDATION:

Invitation to Prayer
Silence
Song of Farewell
Prayer of Commendation

PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Interment

St. Raymond's Cemetery
Bronx, New York

Friends are invited to join the family for a repast
Monday, January 30, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
127 West 111th Street #1F • New York, New York 10027



I'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

Acknowledgement

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

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