In Loving Memory of



Rufus Whaley, Jr.

Service

Thursday, January 23, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, New York 10027

Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating Bobby Arrington, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

Rufus Whaley Jr. was born in Harlem, New York, to Marian Moore and Rufus Whaley Sr. At the age of two, Rufus Jr. "Sonny" left New York to live with his grandfather Glascow Whaley on Edisto Island, SC.

At the age fifteen, "Sonny" (also called "Eddie" by his many friends) returned to New York City. He attended high school until he was seventeen. At this point Sonny joined the Navy, where he served for two years. Upon his discharge, he continued to study while working at the Park Ave. Garage. Rufus Whaley Jr. soon began to display excellence as an auto mechanic. Following the stint at the Park Ave. Garage, Sonny landed a job as a mechanic for the U.S. Postal Service though small in stature.

Sonny also called "Eddie" by many of his friends was larger than life. He loved to dress sharp, wear jewelry and drive fancy cars. Sonny attended a local church and sang in the choir. After his discharge from the Navy, Sonny met and married Laura, his first wife. (Rufus Whaley Jr. was married four times) from this union Rufus Jr. and Laura Whaley produced Lena Shaughter. From this union the Shaughter family came four grandchildren, Raymond, Rashid and Najuama; four great-grand, Deja, Jeovanna, Taylor and Michael.

Rufus Jr. second marriage with Rosita Whaley produced two step daughters, Maria Drummond and Linda D. Headley.

Sonny's third marriage to Samuela (deceased) produced no descendents. Rufus Jr. remarried Rosita (the flame refused to die).

Sonny is survived by a sister, Orian. Before Rufus Whaley's passing he witnessed the passing of a younger brother. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will miss his fun loving ready wit sleep on Sonny - Rest in peace.

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<u>Interment</u> Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

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

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