



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Ronald I. Collins, Sr.

Sunrise

Sunset

December 19, 1951 March 4, 2013

Obituary

Ronald Issac Collins Sr. (affectionately known as “Ronnie”), was born on December 19, 1951 to Lawrence Collins and the late Maybell Jackson- Collins. His grandmother, Daisy Jackson, his sister, Deborah Dubois, his nephew Terrance Griffin and his grandson, Quaron Collins preceded him in death. Ronnie was educated in the New York City School System.

On November 26, 1974, Ronnie married Retha M. Brown and to this union was born three children (Ronald I. Collins, Jr., Kareem A. Collins and Natasha Y. Collins). Ronnie loved to attend family gatherings and entertain those around him through laughter. In addition, Ronnie had a heart of compassion for children which he showed through his donations to the Saint Jude’s Children Hospital.

Ronnie was a loyal sports fan who loved to talk about his two favorite teams: The New York Knicks and The New York Jets. He also had a love for music especially music from the 60’s, 70’s and early 80’s. (Stevie Wonder “Isn’t She Lovely” which he dedicated to his daughter, Natasha the day she was born), Earth, Wind and Fire, The Spinner, The Whispers, The Funkadelics, Jimi Hendrix, Teddy Pendergrass, and Kool and The Gang .

On Monday, March 4, 2013 Ronnie at the age of sixty-one ended one journey to begin another.

Ronnie is survived by: his wife, Retha Brown- Collins of 38 years; his sons, Ronald I. Collins, Jr. (Latonia) and Kareem A. Collins; daughter, Natasha Y. Collins; one grandson, Elijah; three granddaughters, Madison, Tiara and Isis; father, Lawrence Collins; six sisters, Brenda, Gloria, Joan, Cynthia, Shirley and Lauvon; one brother, Paul; niece, Tyeshia Jackson; nephew, Jesse Griffin; mother-in-law, Elizabeth Anderson; two brothers-in-law, Derrick (Wendy) and Marcus; one sister-in-law, Erneeka (Michael); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ronnie was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend to all. He enjoyed life to the fullest.

Service

Monday, March 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery

Bronx, 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

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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