

# A Celebration Of Life for Bernard William Hipplewith

Sunrise  
September 28, 1947

"Gone Fishin'"



Sunset  
May 19, 2013

## Service

Thursday, May 23, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

## **Emmanuel Baptist Church**

279 Lafayette Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11238

*Minister Tyrone Monroe, Officiating*

*Rev. Nathaniel Dixon, Organist*

## *Reflections of Life*



**Bernard William Hipplewith** was born on September 28, 1947 in New York. He was the second of four children, born to the late Lyndon and Margaret Hipplewith.

Bernard's family moved to Brooklyn's Farragut Projects where he attended Public School 7, and Sands Junior High School. Bernard was a talented artist, singer and musician. He won a number of talent contests as a young boy, singing such songs as: 'I'm Getting Nothing For Christmas', 'Jessie James', and 'North To Alaska', during events at the Boys Club and at camp. In his teen years, Bernard organized a singing group, 'The Lyricals', which came in first place at the world-famous Apollo Theater's amateur night. He painted a mural outside of one of the neighborhood stores that featured John Coltrane and Tito Puente. This mural reflected the musical heritage of the community's residents and remained untouched for years. He assisted his father, also an artist, with several oil paintings of John F. Kennedy. One of Bernard's greatest gifts to his family was a Cocker Spaniel puppy that his mother named Bonnie. Bonnie grew up to become one of the most beloved dogs in the neighborhood.

After graduating from John Jay High School, Bernard Enlisted into the United States Air Force where he served as a Jet Engine Mechanic achieving the rank of Sergeant. After completing four years of service, Bernard worked for the U.S. Post Office as a team leader, the Court Employment Project as a court counselor and resumed his studies at the prestigious Art Student League in Manhattan. He obtained a Bachelors Degree in Behavioral Disorders from South Carolina State College, followed by a Masters in School Administration from Atlanta University.

While in Atlanta, Georgia, Bernard met Theodosia Gray, and they married in 1979. From that union one son was born, Jacques. The family settled in DeKalb County, Georgia where he was a special education teacher for the Dekalb County, School System. Bernard later obtained a position as a Behavior Management consultant for a U.S. Army middle school, and moved with his son to Hanau, Germany. While in Germany he had another son, Adolphus Mueller who is currently attending college in Kansas City. Bernard was later promoted and served as an assistant principal at army High Schools in Korea and Japan. He retired in 2012 and moved to Wilmington North Carolina.

Bernard was a lover of art and music, especially R&B, Motown, and Jazz. His favorite singer was David Ruffin of the Temptations, who he often imitated. Bernard played the Saxophone and Flute, and loved to attend Jazz concerts with friends and family. He often spoke about the various Jazz artists he met including, how he and his brother Dale met the legendary Jazz drummer, Max Roach at the Iridium night club. Bernard enjoyed fishing, singing, telling stories about his experiences, action movies, dining out with family and friends, preparing for and holding fish fries, making curry chicken, traveling, and enjoying life in general.

Bernard was lots of fun to be with, and brought a smile to the faces of whoever was around him.

In his sunset on earth, Bernard joins his mother Margaret, and father Lyndon Hipplewith in heaven. He leaves to remember his love: his sons Jacques Hipplewith and Adolphus Mueller; daughter in-law Karen Hipplewith; brother Dale Hipplewith; sisters Lynne McCray and Patricia Hipplewith; nephews Byron McCray and Lyndon McCray, other relatives and a host of friends.



# Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE: ..... “Amazing Grace” – Reverend Nathaniel Dixon

PROCESSIONAL: ..... Video with Music

INVOCATION: ..... Apostle Denise Smith

HYMN OF PRAISE: ..... “Lord's Prayer” - Debra Carter

SCRIPTURES:  
Old Testament: Psalms 61:1-3 ..... Rev. Greer Smith  
New Testament: 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 ..... Rev. Greer Smith

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE: ..... Jacques Hipplewith, Delores Inniss and Hiram Smith

PRAYER OF COMFORT: ..... Minister Kwame Asante

MUSICAL SELECTION: ..... “A Song For You” - Burt McClerklin

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCES: ..... Byron McCray

OBITUARY: ..... Lyndon McCray

HYMN OF CONSOLATION: ..... “Precious Lord” - Debra Carter

EULOGY: ..... Rev. Tyrone Monroe

RECESSIONAL: ..... Rev. Tyrone Monroe

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: ..... “Oh Danny Boy”

## PALLBEARERS

Jacques Hipplewith	Adolphus Mueller
Lyndon McCray	Byron McCray
Hiram Smith	Kevin Houston

## Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York*

## Hipple's Problem Stopped by Firearm

Edward Hipple, 57, of the 1000 block of 145th Street, died of a heart attack on Monday, June 1, 2010, at his home in the Bronx. He was born in the Bronx and was a member of the Bronx Community Center.

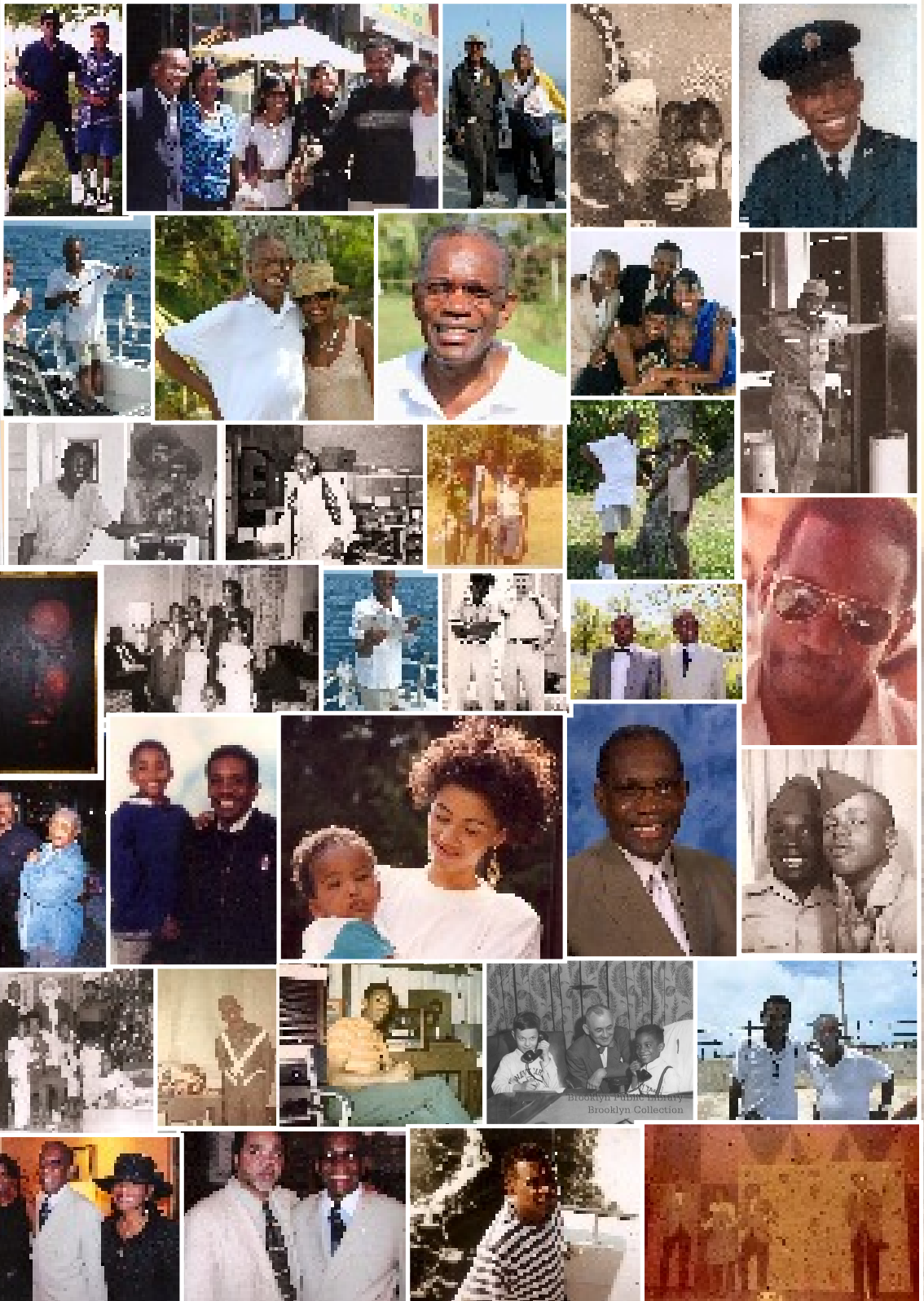
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### *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.*

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