

*In Loving Memory of*



*Michael Garrison*

*Brought to Earth*  
October 3, 1951

*Ascended Into Heaven*  
January 12, 2014

Service

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

## Obituary

**Michael Garrison**, was born October 3, 1951 in New York City to the late Marion Johnson and Joe Garrison.

Michael received his high school diploma from Brandeis High School in Manhattan. As a child he participated in different sports and football became his favorite to play and watch. As a young man growing up in Harlem, Michael became very interested in music and recognized he had a talent for singing. To cultivate his talent he took singing lessons. Michael would go on to use his tenor voice as a part of the singing group The Moment of The Truth which produced a music album.

He supported himself over the years with many fields of work. Michael like his mother would later on find his passion was helping others. He earned his Associate Degree and Certification in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling in 2001 from the College of New Rochelle. As a professional he worked as the Assistance to the Director for Abrams Art Center. His most recent employer was Samaritan Village where he served as a Case Manager. Michael decided to retire in August 2013, after forty-four years of work force service.

Michael was a devoted Husband, Nephew, Brother, Friend and Father. He left a positive impression on everyone who met him. Michael is known for his great sense of humor, his helping nature and love of sports. His loving ways and practical jokes will always be remembered.

On January 12, 2014, Michael was called home by God to his final reward of peace.

Left to cherish his memory: wife, Valerie Garrison; uncle, Walter Johnson; siblings, Paula, Darlene and Alvin; brothers-in-law, Clarence and Andrew; children, Tulani, step children, Dena, Derrick, Patricia, Shatike, Tammy, Walter, Charisse and Shamean; grandchildren, Latora, Alana, Jeremiah and Cion; and a host of step grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

*You will always be with us in Spirit with Love, The Family*

# Order of Service

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

*Marcia Stanley*

**Solo**

*Shawn Waiters*

**Eulogy**

*Marcia Stanley*

**Speaker**

*Tulani Garrison*

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**Final Disposition**

Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York

*Repast gathering will be held directly after service at  
Mt. Olive Baptized Holiness Church located at  
308 West 122<sup>nd</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and Manhattan Avenue*

# The Final Flight



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 His call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
to laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved ones 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.

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with love and appreciation, every demonstration of kindness and compassion shown to them during this season of bereavement.*

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