

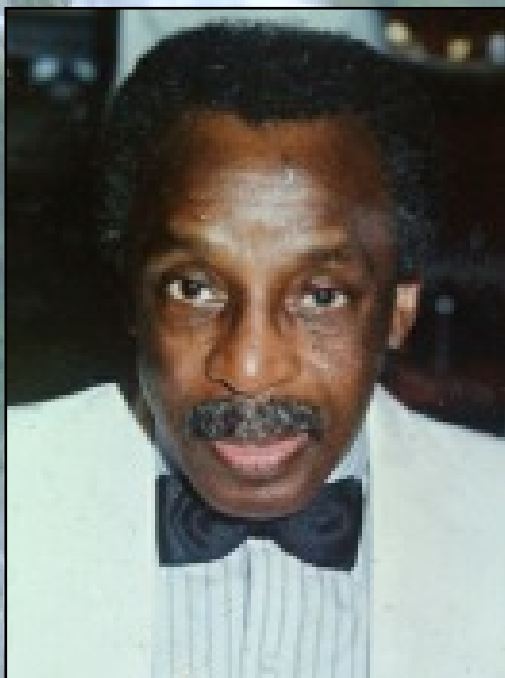
Celebrating the Life of
Ivan Samuels

Sunrise

January 19, 1920

Sunset

May 25, 2014



Service

Monday, June 2, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME

984 Prospect Ave.

New York, NY 10459

Rev. Owens, Officiating

Prof. Douglas Banks, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Obituary

Eulogy

Rev. Owens

Benediction

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

Reflections of Life

On Memorial Day weekend, on the morning of May 25 2014, with great sadness we announced the passing of Mr. Ivan Samuels. Through this time of mourning, family and friends are present to pay their last respects and celebrate 94 vibrant years of his life. Ivan Samuels was born on January 19, 1920 in New York City to parents James Cortland Samuels and Diana Lambert, immigrants of the island of St.Kitts. Ivan and his two siblings, Mildred and Esmond, would be born and raised in the striving San Juan Hill community on 64th street and 10th avenue, known today as Hell's Kitchen. He would be the second child born to the Samuels family, his sister Mildred being the eldest, and brother Esmond the youngest of the three.

Ivan attended and graduated from Cooper Junior High School. There he would learn various trades and get the opportunity to pursue them later in life. Some years would follow then he would be drafted in the Army to serve his country for World War II. While enlisted in the service, Ivan got the chance to travel abroad and experience new life perspectives. This experience would enthrall him and make him passionate for travel, and pursue it as a pastime throughout his adult life. In 1946, he was discharged from the Army after completing his service tour. Now he was free of his service obligations and made his journey back to the Big Apple, to reinvent his life.

In 1948, Ivan was one of seven founding members that established the Viscounts Social Club in Brooklyn, New York. A lifelong bachelor that was a lover of jazz and social gatherings, was influential in orchestrating ballroom functions. Heavy hitters on the music scene like Count Basie and Duke Ellington performed at events promoted by the Viscounts! In the decade to follow, Ivan would take his skill set and become an employee of the M.T.A. He would be an employee for the transit authority for over thirty years before retirement. His field of work was a great opportunity for him to network and share promoted events and trips for the in crowd. Ivan enjoyed going on trips and sometimes cruises with companions, his sister Mildred, and friends as they traveled the globe. He enjoyed taking his hi-tech photography equipment on trips to share those moments for one of his many photo album books. This was a renaissance man with great taste who enjoyed life and for those who knew him would attest to his colorful character.

Mr. Ivan Samuels would never marry or have children of his own. However, he is survived by: his nephews, Ivan Samuels, Esmond Samuels Jr., Alder Samuels, Richard Cargill, Jimmy Cargill and Ronnie Cargill; and his sister in-law, Lena Samuels; and friends. His charm and feisty attitude for life will be missed but indeed not forgotten. We love you and may your spirit live on forever in God's home of sweet heavens.

I Am 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 deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

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