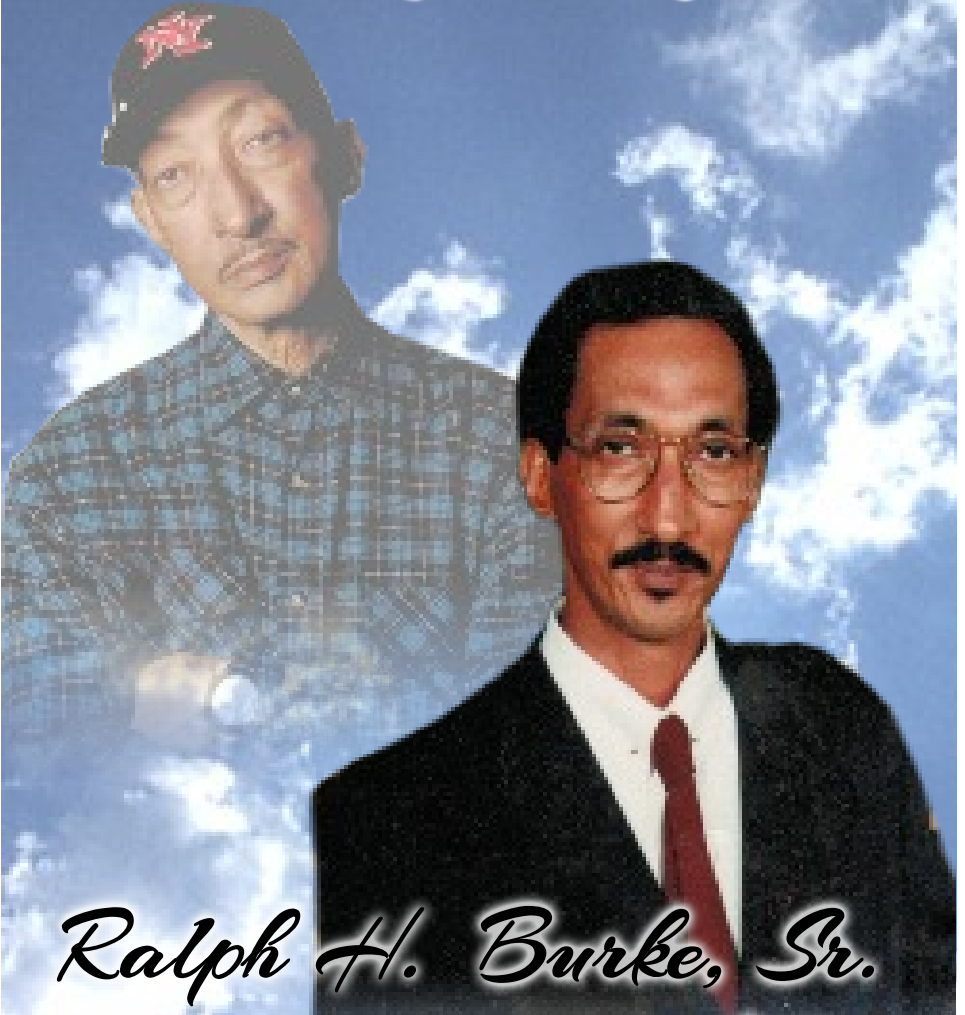


In Loving Memory of



Ralph H. Burke, Sr.

Sunrise
August 19, 1953

Sunset
August 4, 2014

Service

Saturday, August 9, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

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Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary



Ralph Henry Burke, Sr. was born on August 19, 1953 in Brooklyn, New York. He passed away peacefully on Monday, August 4, 2014.

During his life, Ralph worked in many different capacities over the years. He was very proud of the work he did with Volunteers of America, and his work as a substance abuse counselor for Project Enter. In addition, he worked for the MTA as a New York City bus operator for over ten years.

Among the things Ralph loved in life were cooking, cars, caring for his pet birds, Bird and Socrates, and of course spending time with his children and grandchildren. Ralph was a very family oriented man.

Ralph is survived by: his proud sons, Antoine Burke and Ralph H. Burke, Jr., step-sons, Jordan and Jason Freeman; five grandchildren, Antoine Jr., Alijah, Ashley, Anaya, and Xiaralis.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, he leaves behind to mourn: his wife, Cecelia R. Burke; his mother-in-law, Nona E. Jones; his brother, Edward; sisters, Vivian and Patricia; nieces, Kimberly, Brenda, Sharon, Diane, Theresa and Tiara; nephews, Michael, Kevin, Edward Junior and Derrick; daughter-in-law, Rikisha Hughes Burke; two brothers-in-law, Edgar and John; and sisters-in-law, Carmen and Jalanda Hughley (deceased).

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the members of the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center Hospice. Their dedication and effort to provide quality care over the last month was a heartwarming blessing to the entire family.

We thank God for the gift of his life and the blessing of the time we spent with him.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

Asleep

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep; This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to be,
I thank God because He came for me.*

-Author unknown



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

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