



In Loving Memory of

Hardy L. Croom

Sunrise

August 13, 1952

Sunset

October 14, 2014

Service

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Hardy Leo Croom was born on August 13, 1952 in Kinston, North Carolina to Charles Walter and Pearline Adele Croom. He was born into a big family being one of thirteen children.

As a child, he attended Bynum Elementary School and Adkin Jr. High School in Kinston, North Carolina. At sixteen, Hardy then moved with his mother to Brooklyn, New York where he attended Franklin K. Lane High School.

It was there where Hardy met the young lady who would forever have his heart, Vanessa Morris. He married the love of his life in 1974 and they were happily married for over thirty years. Vanessa preceded him in death in 2006. They became the proud parents of five children, three boys and two girls.

Hardy worked for the City of New York for many years in the role as a Hospital Police Officer for Harlem Hospital. His illustrious career as an employee of Harlem Hospital lasted for a total of sixteen years.

Hardy had an undeniable love and passion for music. Over the years he performed as a DJ in local venues all throughout Harlem, and put together a very large cassette tape collection of various recording artists. He enjoyed Jazz, Soul, Blues, Latin, and had an appreciation for many other music genres. Hardy was an avid Billboard Magazine reader; moreover, some of his favorite musicians included the Isley Brothers, Al Green, Teddy Pendergrass, Aretha Franklin, and Sade.

On top of his fire for music, Hardy was a sports fanatic and a huge history buff who took pride in the past of his ancestors. His favorite books included *Roots*, *Malcolm X the Biography* and *The Wise Mind of Marcus Garvey*. His favorite TV shows included, Soul Train, Star Trek, In the Heat of the Night, and any local/national news broadcast. Hardy was a strong-minded man but could never shake his weakness for his wife, her meatloaf, his kids, candy, and a two-liter Pepsi.

Hardy spent the latter part of his life tending to his children and to his granddaughter.

Hardy Leo Croom departed on October 14th 2014, at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, New York at the age of sixty-two.

Hardy is survived by: His Children, Hashem Jubal (39), Dawud Hakim (38), Hakeem Jubal (26), Makeba Shatay (25), and Natasha Nicole (20) Croom; His Granddaughter, Dayo Adanna Croom (11); His Siblings, Charleen(67), Annie(57), Roger(55), George(54), Meredith(50), Qanda Maye(53), Schwane(47), and Orel (43); He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws, and many close friends.

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

Grieve Not For Me

*I cannot let you grieve for me,
For those who love must let us go.
In comfort, please believe I'm free,
From all the pain life can bestow,
As I begin my world anew,
Consider not what I used to be,
I'm sending happy smiles to you
While I enjoy eternity.
Lord, bless the home
From which I came,
Yet brush each lonely hour away,
With fond remembrance of my name,
And a sunshine for a newer day.
Look to the wind to find me there,
Beside the hardest thing you do.
I've left my love within this prayer
I'm always watching over you.*

Acknowledgement

*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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