



In Loving Memory of
Samuel Dunnum



Sunrise

March 11, 1941

Sunset

January 11, 2015

Service

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Edward R. Culvert, Officiating

Obituary

Sam was born to this world, **Samuel Dunning** on March 11, 1941 and departed from our lives on January 11, 2015. His parents were the late Mr. Alex Washington and Mrs. Martha Dunning-Washington. He was raised in Georgia with his seven siblings and attended Jenkins Counties Training School.

Sam had a love for traveling young so in 1953 he came to New York City to live, where he attended Boys High School, then his financial journey at his first job in 1957 at the Super Glass Company. He then went on to the Universal Table Top Company and held more jobs throughout the years.

With his new life living in New York he met Laura Skinner, who blessed him with four boys, Samuel, Wesley, Fred and Tarief and three daughters, Rhinalda, Stephanie, and Denise. After the passing of Ms. Laura Skinner, Sam went on and met Elise Kennedy whom he shared a loving relationship with for thirty-nine years until he closed his eyes in death.

From that union Sam was known as a father to Elise's children, and grandpa to a host of children.

In his older years, Sam loved to relax by watching sports, playing cards, listening to the hits of Patti Labelle and enjoying some good old fried pork chops. He and Elise shared a love for Atlantic City and they had happy times there.

Sam was wise and always shared his thoughts politically and financially. He gave to his family in their times of need and spoiled all the grandkids by giving each of them his own special nickname. Although loving, he made sure to be truthful in all situations, so if you were in need of facing the truth about something he would lovingly bring you to that realization. He loved to joke around and just talk on the phone or in person always having a story to share of some sort.

His love was simply genuine. If you lived in St. Nicholas Housing you could bump into Sam wearing huge headphones zoning everyone out, while he was either jamming to the oldies or keeping up with the scores of his favorite sports.

If you were family you'd be guaranteed to make a store run for him with a list of request that usually ended with Popeye's Chicken. These times meant so much to him as they were family bonding times.

Kind, gentle, funny and loving is how he will be remembered most. Unfortunately, Sam's daughters passed on before him, but they were Rhinalda, Stephanie, Denise and Barbara. Left to mourn is: his sons, Wesley, Samuel, Fred, Tarief and Keith; daughter-in-law, (Samiya); his brothers, Willie James and Johnie; three brothers deceased, Thomas, Freddie and Ira; his sister, Ann deceased; a host of grandkids, great grandkids, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sam always talked about his family and his life experiences and he would share examples of what he thought could help anyone. As we remember him today, let us remember that he was a good man and he will remain loved and forever in our hearts.

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

Sam Dunnum

*Now that I have moved along
I ask of you to carry on
And keep me close inside your heart
A place no one can tear us apart
If you need to cry at times
Just know that it's ok
But my pain is now no more
I lay at peace today
Thank you for the memories
And all the laughs we shared
You made my life fulfilling
Throughout all of my years
Keep with you our private jokes
And all the lessons we learned
Keep me forever alive in your heart and soul
I am at peace.*

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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