



Homegoing Service
Celebrating The Life And Spirit of

Bernard Elliot Culmer

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith." ~ 11 Timothy 4:7*

Sunrise
June 3, 1953

Sunset
February 7, 2015

Service

Thursday, February 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Edward R. Culvert, Officiating

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Bernard Elliot Culmer is the second of eight children born to the (*late*) Cesar Williams and Myrtle Culmer on June 3, 1953 in Harlem, New York. On February 7, 2015 at 4:10 p.m., the sun set on the life of **Bernard Elliot Culmer**. He departed his life with us at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ surrounded by his family and closest friends.

Bernard graduated from Julia Richmond High School in New York. From there he attended New York City Technical College. His journey into life would continue onto a job at Barnes and Noble and would conclude with an extended career with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority as a Train Operator and a Train Conductor. **Bernard** worked for the MTA for 34 years.

As a young boy and well into his adult life, **Bernard** was always known as the type of person who kept his cool in any situation. He was always there to lend a helping hand and tell you like it is when asked. **Bernard** kept his friends and family close to his heart in all of his activities. **Bernard** will always be remembered for his undeniable love for music, card playing, cool demeanor, helping hand, and humorous nature. He enjoyed going on outings along with his wife and children. All whom have spent time with **Bernard** can confirm that he enjoyed having fun and was the life of the party. It wasn't a party if **Bernard** wasn't there.

Many who knew **Bernard** can all agree on one comment when describing him which is: "He was a great guy".

Bernard leaves behind to cherish his memories and well-rounded personality: his wife, Regina Diane Culmer; his son, Jared Culmer (from a previous marriage); daughters, Janice and Jaylene Culmer; stepdaughter, Jessica (Jonathan) Stokes; mother, Myrtle Culmer; five sisters, Betty (John), Angela, Marsha Ann, Cathy, and Berchelle; his brothers, Marshall and (predeceased) Darryl; his mother-in-law, Sylvia Harris and father-in-law, Albert Harris; his sisters-in-law, Sharon Harris, Debbie Harris and Lisa (Stephen) Riley. He also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews and an abundance of friends.

Bernard also leaves to mourn an extended MTA family who has seen **Bernard's** evolution throughout his years within the MTA. He will be missed.



Order of Service

{Viewing from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.}

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection

Vincent McCray

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements of Condolences

Brief Remarks

Obituary

Eddie Love

Selection

Vincent McCray

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory • Bronx, New York

Repast Invitation:

Thursday, February 12th, 2015 at 9pm

*Immediately following the service, the family invites you to
join them for fellowship and refreshments at:*

221 West Hudson Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey 07631

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now; He set me free*

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of **Bernard E. Culmer** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, your presence here this evening, and especially your prayers. We also appreciate those who traveled small and great distances to encourage us during this time. May God bless each of you, and may His peace be with you always.

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