

In Loving Memory of  
*Carl O. Hodge*

**Sunrise**  
October 8, 1966

**Sunset**  
February 3, 2015

**Service**

Thursday, February 12, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

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## Obituary

**Carl O. Hodge** was born in New York, raised by many strong family members that helped him to find purpose. Educated through the school of life. Maintained a progressive uphill climb to stand strong in all endeavors. A staunch man of velvet and steel who believed and cherished all aspects of family. He often had the question of who he was and who he was attached to whether biologically, spiritually or mentally. Carl gave love freely by having a respect for humanity coupled with an infectious humility to know and understand his place in life. No matter how many times life's adversities may have tried to knock him down, he would stand each time and be stronger than before. If anyone did not see his fine and higher qualities he believed in a just and sound God who could only see the best in him.

He was out of sight when it came to those culinary delights, a creative chef that made his own niche and mark. A lover of music, especially rap that he would relate to his struggles and quest for new beginnings. Prolific and prophetic writer that could compose his thoughts very creatively. A stylist, *Avant garde* dresser that had a sense of fashion and was often head to toe in the latest trends, often bringing an open eye of admiration. Action pictures and serious dramas were often viewed as specks of his own life.

Life brings on many storms there are three in particular. The one's God bring, the ones we choose and third is the ones that others give to us. These storms were at times an obstacle course or like a training that an Olympian must undertake. A passionate man that weathered all those storms and knew that the sun would shine no matter what.

In Proverbs 24:16 it states, "For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again". Life was about rising and standing firm no matter what. He would not stay down as he knew and believed in the power of the Almighty. To just simply stay in the mediocrity was not what Carl was about. He did not have to wait for the storms to end as he learned to dance in the rain. Each day our measure of faith is tested and this helps us to have character and integrity. This is a man that built character and solidified his integrity.

A son, father, husband, uncle, brother, friend and cousin has left an indelible mark that will be cherished and remembered. Standing to hold up the rear he leaves: his mother, Peggy; wife, Dianne; sons, Carl Jr. and Tyrique; six grandchildren, Knowledge, Wisdom, Sincere, Capacity, Charm, Victory and Everlasting; two uncles, Ronald and Christopher; great uncles, William and Norman; many cousins and friends on this side of creation.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional



# *Serenity Prayer*

*GOD, grant me the Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and the  
Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;*

*Enjoying one moment at a time;*

*Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.*

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make  
all things right if I surrender to His Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and  
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

*Amen*

*-Author unknown*

## *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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