

In Loving Memory of



Harold Farrington

Sunrise
May 12, 1933

Sunset
March 1, 2015

Service
Saturday, March 7, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Harold Farrington was born in New York, New York, on May 12, 1933 to the late Robena Roberts and the late Harold Farrington.

The second of three siblings, Harold grew up in Harlem, NY, and graduated from Haaren High School. Early in his life, he had musical aspirations to become a drummer, which he pursued. He played the drums recreationally for many years.

In the late 1960's, he met the late Delores Stevenson and her young daughter, Sonji. They built a life as a family, and were together for over 20 years. Always, the hard worker, Harold was a loving provider, partner and father.

Harold was a spiritual man with a strong faith in God. He was initiated as a Yoruba priest into the mysteries of Obatala on October 19, 1985, by Babalorisa Christopher Oliana, priest of Aganju. Upon initiation, he received the name Ade Ekun ("crown of the leopard"), and spent much of the rest of his life studying the Yoruba history and traditions, strengthening his own spiritual foundation and knowledge, and counseling close family members and friends.

Harold believed in education and giving back to his community. He was an active senior. He spent many hours in his retirement volunteering as a tutor to elementary school children in Yonkers, New York. He was also a volunteer for the Family Services Society of Yonkers. Harold also regularly enjoyed classes in tai-chi and dance.

Harold is survived by: his sister, Elyce Roberts; his daughter, Sonji Patrick; his nieces, Brenda McGriff, Iqbal Farrington, and Ajike Kendrick; his cousin, Preston Johnson; son-in-law, William Patrick; two granddaughters; and a host of friends and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Officiating

Rev. Lee Arrington

Opening Prayer

Oro Egun

Obituary

Musical Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Tributes and Remembrances

Eulogy

Sonji S. Patrick

Closing Prayer

Recessional/Drum Procession

Interment

Mt. Rest Cemetery
Butler, New Jersey

The Heavenly Hope

Hebrews 11:13 (NKJ)

*These all died in faith, not having received the promises,
but having seen them afar off were assured of them,
embraced them and confessed that they were
strangers and pilgrims on the earth..*

I'm Free

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

-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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