

In Loving Memory of



# Richard Dolton Banfield

*Sunrise*

October 24, 1940

*Sunset*

March 19, 2015

Service

*Sunday, March 29, 2015- 6:00 p.m.*

**SUNSET FUNERAL HOME**

164 West 136<sup>th</sup> Street • New York, New York

# Obituary

**Richard Dolton Banfield** was born to the late George and Carmen Banfield on October 24, 1940 in Harlem Hospital.

He was raised in Harlem and attended the public school system in which he graduated from Dewitt Clinton High School.

He served in the US Army and while in the Army he was on the boxing team. After his discharge he started working for the US Postal Service where he later retired in 1997. During that time he met Ima Smalls and they married January 15, 2001.

Richard and Ima loved to travel. They traveled the world together and enjoyed life to the fullest.

On Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, God sent his angels to escort Richard home.

Richard leaves to mourn: his daughter, Rhonda Mansfield-Wade; son-in-law, Erik Wade; two grandsons, Curtis Wade and Sharod Wade; his great grandson, Jaheim Wade; his cousin, Geraldine Larmonie; his nephew, George Stephens (California); his aunt, Millie Simpson (Canada); and a host of friends.

# Order of Service

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scriptures**

**Prayer of Consolation**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

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**Eulogy**

**Viewing**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

# Footprints

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".*

*-Mary Stevenson*

## Acknowledgements

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May God Bless and Keep You!*

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