

In Loving Memory of  
**Olmon Hairston**



Sunrise: October 3, 1951

Sunset: July 20, 2015

**Service**

Friday, July 31, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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# Obituary

**Olmon Hairston** was born in New York City on October 3, 1951 to his mother, Justine Hairston and his father, Olmon Hairston, Sr. Olmon has one sister, Valerie Hairston. They both experienced a wonderful childhood because their parents never allowed them to feel the reality that times were hard. Year after year they had a wonderful Christmas, birthday party, Easter and Thanksgiving.

Olmon shared a loving 33 year relationship with his life partner, Marcia Williams which produced their beautiful daughter, Brittany. He spent his final years with his dear long time friend and companion, Mo Brown.

As a young teen he discovered his musical talents and was blessed with early commercial success. He, along with his friends, Larry Robinson, Patrick Addams and John Cooksey, formed a self-contained musical group called "The Sparks" and at the tender age of 16 was casted in the MGM film, "Up the Down Staircase", received a recording contract with MSR records and spearheaded a youth intervention initiative promoted by Mayor John Lindsey entitled "Cool it." After this auspicious beginning, he went on to form the group "Thesis" and later "Indigo!"

Through these entities he was fortunate enough to play along side of "The Commodores", "The Jackson Five", "Earth, Wind & Fire" and numerous other popular acts. His pride, however, was the friends and relations he amassed along the way and the countless careers he was able to nurture and inspire.

His desire to also be a mentor, as well as a stellar musician mirrored his parallel career as a counselor and educator which culminated in his rise of prominence in The Department of Education. Starting out as a counselor to schools in Queens, he was promoted to a position that made him the only black counselor in completely white school districts. He consistently received accolades from administrators, parents, students, colleagues and supervisors.

Eventually, Olmon was tapped by district office leadership to expand his role within the schools. He was one of several full-time supervisors who managed services that specifically addressed issues related to drug and alcohol prevention and raising the self-esteem of students struggling to find their own identities. After expanding his area of expertise to include, budgeting, Human Resources, program design and grant writing, Olmon obtained his New York State Education Department Certification as School Administrator and Supervisor, School District Leader and School Building Leader.

He recently finished writing books on his life growing up entitled, "THE PROJECTS THROUGH THE EYES OF A YOUNG MAN" and "THE HARLEM I REMEMBER" as well as fulfilling his life long passion of performing stand up comedy at a popular New York comedy club.

He touched the lives of countless youths who may have come to drastic ends had it not been for his guidance and direction. He also held Supervisory positions with the YMCA, always maintaining his goal of servicing young people in need so that they could be afforded a better chance at the fruits of life. Olmon nobly served the youth of New York for 36 years when his declining health dictated that it was time to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Unfortunately, upon the commencement of his retirement, GOD, in his infinite wisdom chose to call him home on July 20, 2015.

Aside from his family, Olmon leaves behind to grieve a legion of friends who will truly miss his companionship and his matchless humor. We are all glad to know that his last days were spent happy.

Here is the recipe for a unique human being, a  
special man and a dear friend who's absence will be truly missed, but who's  
lasting effect on the lives he touched will live on in our  
hearts.....forever.

*May my brother rest in peace! ~ Valerie Hairston-Bernard*

# Order of Service

*Processional*

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*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

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*Eulogy*

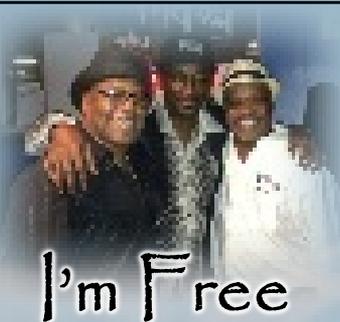
*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

Interment

*Rosemount Cemetery  
Elizabeth, New Jersey*



# 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

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