

*In Loving Memory  
Of  
Charles Preston Merritt*

*November 28, 1953 - October 31, 2015*



**Service**

Monday, November 9, 2015 - 10:00 am

**Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.**

2352 Eighth Avenue

New York, New York 10027

**Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., officiating**

**Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, organist**

# Obituary

**Charles Preston Merritt**, son of the late Evanna Merritt and Charles Merritt, was born November 28, 1953 in New York City.

Preston was a man that lived life to the fullest and on his own terms. He also had impeccable taste and style. Extremely bright, clever, successful at any business endeavor he set his mind to and full of confidence. Preston undeniably lived life boldly. Countless family members can easily recall accounts of his extreme generosity.

Although he lived a fast paced life in New York City, he later settled down in Georgia, bought his dream home by the lake with his wife, and maintained a peaceful existence. A few months prior to his passing, Preston was quoted by family members saying, "I've had an exciting life, did a lot of thrilling things, I have no regrets."

Preston Merritt was called home on October 31, 2015.

He leaves behind: his wife, Lois; two brothers, Corey and Douglas Merritt; as well as two sisters, Farincee James and Trica Merritt; and a host of nieces and nephews that will miss him dearly. His friends and acquaintances will also miss Preston, the man affectionately known as "Big Red".

Love always,  
The Family

# *Order of Service*

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Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# *THE STRENGTH OF A MAN*

The strength of a man isn't seen in the width of his shoulders.  
It's seen in the width of his arms that encircle and protect you.

The strength of a man isn't in the deep tone of his voice.

It is in the gentle words he whispers.

The strength of a man isn't in the words he speaks.

It's in how he keeps his word.

The strength of a man isn't how many friends he has

It's how good of a friend he is.

The strength of a man isn't in how respected he is at work.

It's in how he is respected at home.

The strength of a man isn't in how hard he hits.

It's in how tender he touches.

The strength of a man isn't in the hair on his chest.

It's in the heart . . . that lies within his chest.

The strength of a man isn't in how many women he's loved.

It's in whether he can be true to the ONE woman he's trying to love.

The strength of a man isn't in the weight he can lift.

It's in the burdens he can carry.

The strength of a man isn't in how much food he eats from your table.

It's in the effort he puts forth when you are unable.

The strength of a man isn't in how he makes love.

It's in the understanding that there is more to making love . . .  
than making love.

A strong man knows God, Family, and Work

Farewell, Strong Man

**Author Anonymous**

## *Acknowledgement*

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