



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



VINCENT
ARTHUR COBBS

SUNRISE: April 28, 1965- SUNSET: June 9, 2026

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Viewing: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm | Service: 6:00 pm

Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Minister Jerome Jackson, Officiating Minister

OBITUARY

Vincent Arthur Cobbs passed away peacefully on June 9, 2026, at Lincoln Hospital surrounded by the love of his immediate family.

Vincent was born on April 28, 1965, in Harlem, New York, to the late Pastor Benjamin and Pastor Bessie Cobbs. He was the 2nd eldest of 6 siblings and raised in Dependable Pentecostal Church under the leadership of his parents. As a youth he drove the church van and sang in the choir. Vincent received his education throughout the NYC public schools and graduated from Brandeis High School to later attend Johnson C. Smith College in North Carolina where he showcased his talent in the sport, he loved basketball and played well. In 2006 Vincent gave his life to Christ and along with his wife Sherrie and his children became members of Kelly Temple COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop Gaylord. He lived a life defined by strength, perseverance, humor, and a genuine love for people.

Vincent worked in construction as a Forman before being employed at Harlem Children's Zone for 13 yrs where he had many roles as a counselor, school aide, maintenance and his favorite as the Master of Ceremony at the many shows performed by the countless children that came and went through the program. When on stage he was such a comedian and so thoughtful to all the children's feelings whether they were too nervous to perform and needed a pep talk or ready to get on the stage and show their talent. Many MCs came after him, but he is unmatched, loved by the kids as they called "MR V.I." while waiting on him for candy. He was a dedicated superintendent who was respected and admired by the community he served. Those who knew him often sought his advice and guidance, as he had a natural ability to help others work through challenges and find solutions to life's problems.

Vincent was known for his larger-than-life personality and his ability to bring joy wherever he went. Whether it was through a joke, a dance, or a song, he always found a way to make people smile. He loved mentoring young people and took pride in encouraging others to reach their potential. He was the kind of person who made time for people, offering support, wisdom, and laughter whenever it was needed.

Known affectionately by many as “V-I,” “Big Vincent,” or simply “V,” Vincent was a familiar and beloved presence to all who knew him. His warmth, humor, and generous spirit left a lasting impression wherever he went. Whether sharing a laugh, offering advice, or lending a helping hand, he had a unique way of making people feel seen, valued, and welcomed.

When he was not working, Vincent enjoyed spending time with his kids and friends, enjoying music, pranking people, sharing jokes, stories full of laughter and companionship. His strength, determination, and unwavering spirit were evident throughout his life. He faced challenges head on and never gave up. He was a strong willed, gentle yet firm, funny yet wise man and his presence left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him. Vincent was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamine Cobbs and Bessie Presley; siblings Diane and Keith Cobbs.

Vincent leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Sherrie Cobbs; his children; Rashad Thomas, Vincent Cobbs Jr, Starkeema Field, Monique Daniels-Crider (Jonathan Crider), Tiffany Manning, Ervin Sanders Jr., Tranace Manning, Shareze Manning, Diamonasa Manning and Chase Cobbs; 16 grandchildren Janiaya Cobbs, Evan Cobbs, Daniel Walker, Christopher Williams, Malachi, Chloe White, Love McQueen, Blessing Malone, Amir Frith, Amiya Manning, Yazmine Manning, Marc Ortiz Jr., Nova Ortiz, Ariel Field-Manning, Ariana Field and Jadon Mitchell; His siblings Elder Alvin Cobbs (Debra) of New Jersey, Jenell Cobbs (Barry) of Florida and Tonell Cobbs-Ragsdale (Calef) of Bronx New York; aunts; Barbara Harris and Gloria Brewer (Larry) both of Pensacola Florida; nieces & nephews; Christina Harris-Graham, Alvin Cobbs Jr, Jonathan Cobbs, Tonell Cobbs, Coleen Cobbs, Camille Ragsdale and Danielle Fulton, extended family members and close friends. Vincent was a loving, supporting husband and a proud father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew and friend.

Although Vincent is no longer with us, his laughter, lessons, strength, and love will continue to live on in the hearts of those he touched. His legacy will be carried forward through his children, grandchildren, the countless lives he influenced and the family he loved so dearly

I NEEDED THE QUIET . . .

I needed the quietness as I took my last breath,
but gently oh so gently my cross he upheld
as I traveled through the heavenly gates.

My body was weak,
but I gained the strength as my spirit took wings.

A love shared, a laugh, and a kiss,
oh yes, and these things I too will miss.

But do not burden with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full as you can see.

I needed the quietness, no more hospital visits,
no more hospital bed, no more blood being drawn
but the blood of my Lord Savior in a beautiful valley of blessings
instead. I have a place to grow richer in Jesus,
I needed the quiet, so he drew me nearer.

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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