

Celebrating the Life of



Cornell F. Holmes

Sunrise
January 19, 1955

Sunset
July 8, 2026

Friday, July 31, 2026
Viewing - 4:00 p.m.
Service - 6:00 p.m.

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Pastor Jay Gooding, Officiating
Dhar Bryant, Organist



Obituary

Cornell Francis Holmes was born on January 19, 1955, to Carrie E. Young and Walter Holmes in New York City. He was the fifth child of eleven children. He was a such a cute and loving little fellow.



Cornell was a faithful member of Abyssinian Baptist Church. He had a passion for traveling and especially loved going on cruises, and visiting family in Georgia, Alabama and Texas. He was very adventurous always wanting to make lasting memories and visiting new places with his loved ones.

Cornell's lifelong dream was to become an airline steward and possibly a chef. Some of his favorite meals to name a few; macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, oxtails and Spanish rice and peas. He loved all kinds of music, especially Diana Ross and Sylvester, but most of all he loved and cherished his family.



Although he did not have children of his own, he had a special relationship with his nieces and nephews and loved spending time with them.

After leaving the Bronx, Cornell made the decision to move to Yonkers where he spent over the last 30 years living and building lasting friendships with his neighbors and the concierge of his building.

Cornell was a hard-working and dedicated man. He spent more than 45 years at Time Warner where he built a career marked by devotion and loyalty before his retirement in 2018.



Humble and kind, Cornell never met a stranger and a stranger never met him. His warm nature made everyone feel like family.

When the Covid-19 pandemic arrived, Cornell made the decision to take a step back from many gatherings to protect his health. Even though he was not always able to attend every event, he maintained communication with his loved ones. Whether in his family group chat or connecting with siblings, friends and family on Facebook, Cornell's presence was always felt.

Cornell will be missed, but never forgotten. He is survived by his ten siblings: LillieMae, Dolores, Patricia, Kenneth, Jeffrey (Benjamin), Gregory (Janet), Dennis (Lisa), Teriann (Louis), Cynthia (Cheryl), and Christopher and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Cornell was loved by many, but will be missed by all. Though our hearts are heavy, our minds are filled with all the memories shared.

Order of Service

Organ PreludeDhar Bryant

Processional

SelectionDhar Bryant

Scripture ReadingPastor Jay Gooding

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of ComfortPastor Jay Gooding

SelectionDhar Bryant

Tributes..... (2 minutes please)

Obituary & Acknowledgements

SelectionDhar Bryant

EulogyPastor Jay Gooding

Committal & Benediction

Remarks by Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Woodawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York

My Guardian Angel

*Sweet guardian angel sent down
from above, you speak to me of
God's mercy and love. Assigned to
my care, God sent you to earth to
guard and protect me from time of
my birth. Although I can't see you,*

*I know that you're real. When
danger is lurking, your presence I
feel. It comforts me then to know
you are near, keeping watch over
me, whatever my fear. My friend
and protector each day of the year,
God knew I would need you and
that's why you're here.*

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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