

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Keith John Black

January 20, 1960 - August 18, 2026



Saturday, September 5, 2026 - 9:00am

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Keith John Black was born on January 20, 1960 in Harlem, New York to the late John Pelzer and Doris Black. Keith graduated from Julia Richmond High School. He also attended classes at BMCC.

Growing up on 118th St, Keith became a member of Dunlevy Milbank Center where he participated in swimming and basketball. With his outgoing personality, he was well known on the block and had a strong group of friends.

Keith worked for the American Diabetes Association as an accounting specialist. Keith met Darlene with whom he had a daughter, Angie Lee.

Keith left the City in the early 90s and moved to Albany for a short spell. It was there where he met Rhonda, his future wife who preceded him in death. It was there we learned he was a neat freak, running around putting coasters underneath everyone's glasses.

Keith decided to relocate to Hartford, CT. Keith was a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford where he assisted with the outdoor services on Saturdays. When he moved to New Britain, he continued his outdoor services with the Cathedral in that town, often filling in for the Deacon. Keith was also a member of Saint James Missionary Baptist Church where he not only sang in the choir, but was also an usher. Keith worked as a customer service representative for Met Life. While living in CT, Keith loved to travel to visit family and friends in NY, VA and GA as often as he could. He made a point of returning home for every Thanksgiving, a tradition we kept up when he was no longer able to travel. He loved football.

In 2018, Keith suffered a debilitating stroke. After several months in the hospital and nursing homes, his sister Robin was able to secure housing for Keith in Bridgeport, CT. It was there he was able to live a semi-independent life with the assistance of his caregivers, Donielle, Paula, Bricely, and Althea. Keith enjoyed a quiet life, and although his level of communicating was diminished he loved reaching out to friends and family just to hear their voices. Generally easygoing, he maintained his sense of humor but on occasion displayed a strong stubborn streak.

Following a medical incident Keith passed on August 18, 2026 at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Keith leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughter, Angie Lee Richardson (GA); Brother, Curtis Black (Billie Jean) (Roanoke, VA); Sisters, Patricia Black, Nanette Black, and Arlene Black (all in New York, NY); Sisters, Yvonne Jefferson, Gwendolyn Cook (NC), Sheila Holman (NC), Carol Gilchrist, Vanessa Gilchrist, Ruby Gilchrist (AZ), Robin Gilchrist-Moore (Carl) (CT), DeAnna Hudson-Hockenbrock (MD), Danielle Myska (CT), Rhonda Romanoski (SC), Redah Douglas (FL); and Brothers, Curtis Holman (AZ), Tyrone Holman (NJ), and Robert Holman (NJ); Grandchildren Marcell Richardson, Rochelle Brown, and Briana Richardson (all in GA); and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.



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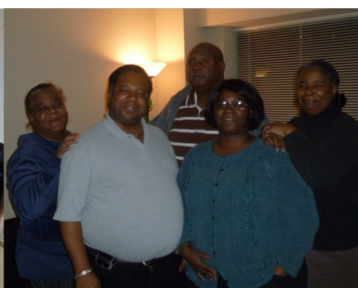
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INTERMENT

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park
1 Brown Avenue, Butler, NJ 07405

*Repat at 3:00 PM
at Alhambra Ballroom,
2116 Adam Claton Powell Blvd, NY, NY 10027*





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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.

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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