

*A
Celebration
Of Life*



Vernon T. Canty

Sunrise
November 19, 1959

Sunset
September 11, 2026

Memorial Service
Thursday, October 1, 2026

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Reverend Sheldon Williams, Officiating

Alshon Farley, Organist



Obituary

Vernon Thomas Canty was born on November 19, 1959 at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan to Herman and Julia (Jones) Canty. He was the youngest of four siblings brothers Herman Jr. and Steven and sister Rhonda.

Long term Bronx resident, the Canty family first lived in the Bronxdale Housing Project. Vernon and his family moved for a short time to Roosevelt L.I. before returning back to the Bronx. They moved to Park Lane building. Vernon attended A.E.Stevenson H.S. graduating in 1978.

Seeking direction a few years following his graduation. Vernon enlisted in the U.S. Army serving five years. He was honorably discharged and returned home.

His interest was to become a Certified Public Accountant following his active-duty service. Bernon enrolled in Bronx Community College. He remained in college for 3 years before deciding accounting wasn't for him. He surprised his family by becoming a custodian in New York Board of Education school (District 9 J.H.S.118), then at New York University. Vernon felt he was following in the footsteps of his father. Vernon was proud of his father and dedicated himself to the craft.

Lastly, he joined working at Riverbay Corp in Coop City where he served until the end. Throughout the years Vernon actively supported his union, 32 BJ-SEIU and and could be found at rallies and marches standing up for workers' rights.

Vernon was an introvert with an even temperament. Can't find anyone who ever heard him raise voice. He was thoughtful; always good for a Happy Mother's Day text or a beautiful Christmas card and looked forward to our Canty Annual Cookout. Vernon was close to his family but mainly himself.

Vernon final trip was to Montego Bay, Jamaica in July. He loved it and was looking forward to the next trip. Sadly, Vernon transitioned on Friday, September 11, 2026 and was not to be.

Vernon leaves to mourn his passing are his brothers, Herman Jr., "Boots", Steven; his sister, Rhonda; nephew, Ezekiel Canty; nieces, Esther Williams, Afrika Moore, Asha Johnson, Priscilla Canty and Zakiya Canty and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection“Fire and Rain”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection“Never Can Say Goodbye”

Tributes..... (2 minutes please)

Obituary & AcknowledgementsSteven Canty (Brother)

Selection“Wholy Holy”

Eulogy

Committal & Benediction

Remarks by Funeral Director

Recessional

Suddenly

Sorry I had to Leave You So Suddenly"

*Sorry I had to leave in a sudden kind of
way; didn't have time to call and say
good-bye today. I knew you would
understand, because that's the way you
are; don't worry about the distance
because I'm not really that far. Don't
wait up and please don't cry you didn't
hear me say good-bye.*

-Author Unknown

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