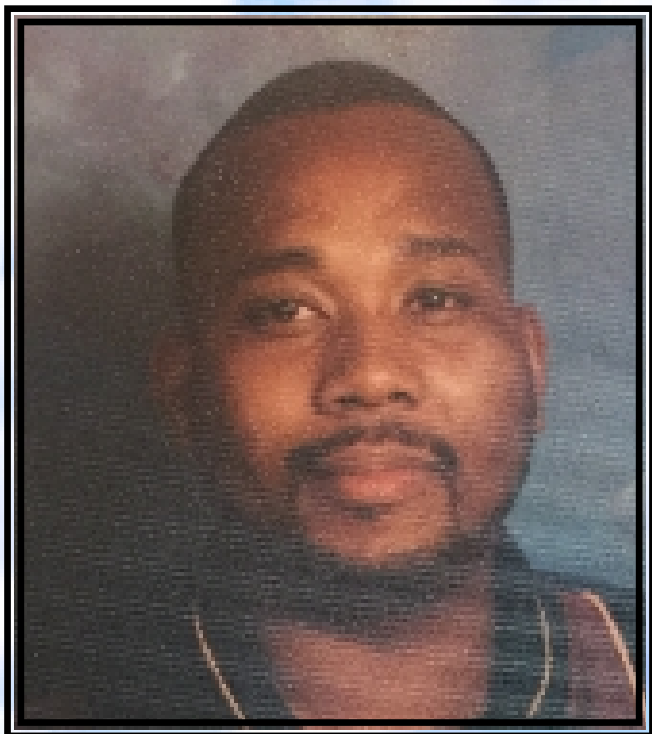


In Loving Memory of



Earnest L. Harkless

Sunrise: May 11, 1963

Sunset: March 10, 2018

Service

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.

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Obituary

God saw you getting tired and cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you and whispered come to me.

Earnest Lee Harkless was born on May 11, 1963 in Florence, South Carolina to the late Leroy and Mable L. Harkless. He was the sixth child of seven, Alma, Mildred, Betty, Sammie, Debbie, and Earlwin.

Earnest received his primary education at P.S. 163 elementary school. He attended Joan of Arc Junior High School in Manhattan, New York. Then, he attended Brandeis High School in Manhattan, New York and graduated. During high school, he held a job at a recreation center working with kids. He loved kids. After high school, Earnest worked for the New York Department of Sanitation. In 1988, he worked for MTA as a Railroad Clerk until 2012 when he became a Station Supervisor. Earnest has been with MTA for twenty-nine years.

In September of 1990, Earnest received the best gift ever. His daughter Hope Joy Harkless was born. Since then, he has been an amazing, outstanding father. From then to now, his life has always been about him and his daughter.

Earnest was a great friend, hard worker and always a helping hand. To some of his friends, he was a dancing machine. He loved family, music, cars, sports, food, and movies. Earnest was a goal setter and went above and beyond achieving his goals. He was very self sufficient.

Earnest now joins his mother, the late Mable L. Harkless and his father Leroy, aunt Margaret Hill, his eldest sister the late Alma Fowler.

Earnest is survived by his daughter, Hope Joy Harkless, his sisters, Mildred Rosa Betty Morcilio and Debbie R. Harkless, brothers, Sammie Y. Harkless Jr. and Earlwin A. Harkless, nieces, nephews, great nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Hope J. Harkless

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Mount Hope/Riverside Cemetery
Rochester, New York*

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 Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored 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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

Words can never express how we feel for the kindness and generosity that you, our friends and neighbors have shown in our time of loss. We appreciate the prayers, support, visits and calls.

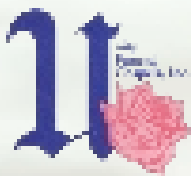
It has meant so much to us all. Thank You!

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