

**In Loving Memory of**



**Herbert Alphonso Richards**

***Sunrise: May 12, 1945***  
***Sunset: October 17, 2018***

**Service**

***Tuesday, November 13, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.***

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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# **Obituary**

Herbert A. Richards was born on May 12, 1945 on the island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands to Vanalia McIntosh and Ricardo Richards. Herbert came to the United States with his mother when he was a child.

He went to Alfred E. Smith High School where he graduated and then enlisted in the United States Army in 1965. He served until 1968, receiving an honorable discharge. After his years of service in the Army, Herbert worked for the NYC Department of Corrections and the NYC Department of Sanitation. He later worked at the West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing until he retired in 2017.

Herbert, "Chatter" as everyone called him, was a big fan of sports. Baseball, basketball and football, all the New York teams, Yankees, the Knicks and the Giants. He didn't care if they played horrible or lost, he was still a fan til the end. He loved his family, but most of all Herbert adored and cherished his grandchildren. They were the apple of his eye. You couldn't tell him no wrong about them.

On October 17, 2018, God called Herbert home. He was welcomed home by those who preceded him in death: his mother, Vanalia McIntosh; his father, Ricardo Richards; his step-father, Anselmo McIntosh; his sister, Anita McIntosh; and one of his best friends, Rodney D.

Herbert leaves to cherish his memories: two brothers, James McIntosh and Mario McIntosh (Nina); five children, Kevin (mother, Carol) Lenntoy, Herbert Jr. (Brandy), Alfonso and Ebony (Akeem) (their mother Carletta "Cookie"); ten grandchildren, Kareem, KJay, Jamari, Keon, Klanell, Jaymir, Kiana, K'Jour, Zayion and Ziyleel; his best friend, David (Gypsy); and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# Order of Service

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Remarks*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

**Interment**

*Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York*

## ***A Wish Come True***

*If I could have a wish come true,  
A dream that'd come to pass,  
I'd ask to spend a day with you,  
And pray that it would last.*

*I'd run to you and hold you close,  
We'd laugh and smile again.  
I'd listen so intently,  
As you told me how you've been.*

*When time was up I'd hold you close  
Not wanting to let go  
You'd smile and tell me, 'See you soon'  
And somehow I would know.*

*That while it's very hard to wait,  
One day the time will come,  
I'll join you there forevermore,  
When I too am called Home.*

*My wish may go ungranted  
But it always will be true...  
I'd trade many of my tomorrows  
For one yesterday with you.*

## **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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