



In Loving Memory of
Duane Michael Carvain
March 23, 1952 - December 15, 2019

Service

Saturday, December 21, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

MERRICK PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

120-02 Marsden Street • Jamaica, NY 11434

Rev. Marilyn Jackson, Officiating

Obituary

Duane Michael Carvain decided to return to the Lord on December 15, 2019.

He was affectionately called Duane by his parents Julia Mae Carvain and Robert L. Carvain. He entered into their lives on March 23, 1952 in a project in Brooklyn NY. Duane's parents worked very hard and purchased a home in St Albans, NY where their pride and joy, Duane grew up. Very early on everyone could see that Duane was a superstar. He was extremely smart and could play both football and baseball with a fury and skill unmatched. Duane's parents instilled within him a work ethic that became a part of his character and integrity.

His attendance at Brooklyn Tech High School was a grand success. On November 10, 2019 his football team of 1969 was inducted into the Brooklyn Tech Football Hall of Fame. His athletic prowess earned him a full athletic scholarship to Temple University where he honed his skills and dreams to become a professional football player. His knees derailed his football dreams and Duane redirected his goals to peruse a career on Wall Street. His resilience and tenacity kept him on a path to success. Duane graduated from Temple University with a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and he received a Masters Degree in Mathematics from St. Johns University. Also, he went to the College of Insurance where he received his Agents & Brokers License.

From the age of 14 until 46 Duane worked on Wall Street. He was a Licensed Insurance Broker and served in the role as Vice President in some of the world's largest and most prestigious Wall Street companies such as Johnson & Higgins, Alexander & Alexander, Frank B Hall, Fred S. James, and Marsh & McLennan to name a few. His Wall Street background gave him a competitive edge and professional etiquette that made him a rare commodity in the workforce. He put in 200% in everything he did.

After his years of working on Wall Street, Duane decided to focus on his athletic capacities. As Manager of Omni Fitness and as a Personal Trainer he helped many athletes and entertainers reach their athletic goals and aspirations.

Duane's plethora of talents and passion for helping others led him into the Social Service Industries. FECS and Homes For The Homeless are just a few of the agencies where he served as Supervisor and Job Developer wherein he helped others to improve their lives.

Duane was an astute businessman. At the age of 25 he was a Partner of the Iconic Top Shelf Productions which promoted parties at Marque & Marquee East during the Disco era. He and his partners were the Toast of the Town. He was the Co-Owner of the Award Winning New York milkshake Company that served the best milkshakes and grilled cheese sandwiches out of it's four locations throughout Manhattan. As an international business man, he served as the Account Executive for Nigerian Imports & Exports. The Nigerian Governor, Lucky Igbinedion befriended Duane. This relationship afforded Duane the opportunity to travel and do business in Amsterdam and London. He lived in Nigeria for 3 months. This experience exposed him to the life of the very rich and famous.

Every business and position that Duane held, he executed an impeccable work ethic. His knack for upgrading systems made him an invaluable asset wherever he worked. If you had the pleasure of knowing Duane, you would know that he was a very passionate man. He loved, took care of and protected his family. He was always the hardest worker in the room. He was meticulous about time and money. Even though he was always about his business, he had an amazing sense humor. He was a man that wanted more and better for everyone. Whether he used humor to lighten the mood or a pep talk to boost a person's confidence, he was everyone's "Go To Person". His Temple Hat was his signature trademark.

On November 1, 2019 Duane married the love of his life Yvette V. Miller who he affectionately called Cia. His goal was to love her, protect her and partner with her as they journeyed together through this life. In his wedding vows he wrote and promised "I will love you til death do us part and even then you will always be in my heart." When Duane's daughter Danielle K. Carvain was born she captivated his heart. He adored and loved her dearly. He considered her one his greatest achievement and contribution to this world. They shared the same taste in music and movies. Their personalities synced as did their sense of humor.

Duane was preceded in death by his Mother, Julia Mae Carvain and Father, Robert L. Carvain.

He is survived by his Wife, Yvette V. Miller, Daughter, Danielle K. Carvain, Brother, Davin Carvain, Sister, Barbra McClane, Sister- In Law, Kelly McClane, Niece, Nephew and a host of loving friends.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Deacon Kelvin Jenkins

Invocation.....Rev. Marilyn Jackson, Officiant
Unity East Church Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Musical Selection.....Charlotte Short - “Amazing Grace”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Marilyn Jackson

Scripture Readings

 Psalm 23.....Betty Edmeade

 2 Timothy 4:7-8.....Sheryl Williams

Tributes.....(please limit remarks to 2 minutes)

Obituary Reading.....John McAllister

Musical Selection.....Charlotte Short - “Precious Lord”

Eulogy.....Rev. Marilyn Jackson

Committal.....Rev. Marilyn Jackson

Benediction.....Rev. Marilyn Jackson

Final Viewing

Final Disposition

Greenwood Crematory
Newark, New Jersey



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart, Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do Miss me-but let me go.*

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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