

IN LOVING MEMORY



Rodney W. Taylor

Sunrise

9 / 10 / 1948

Sunset

4 / 2 / 2020

Friday, April 10, 2020 - 2:00 pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Rodney W. Taylor, Sr. transitioned to his eternal life at the age of 71 on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Rodney was born in Harlem, New York on September 10th 1948 to the late Mr. William L. Taylor and Mrs. Blanche Taylor.

Rodney was educated in the New York City public school system where he attended Evander Childs High School and graduated in 1967. Rodney then joined the U.S. Army later the same year and in August 1968 he received an honorable discharge. Rodney was employed at Urban Home Mgmt as a superintendent for 32 years and has been a shop steward for local 32 BJ SEIU union since 1995. In 1972, Brother Rodney joined the International Free Masons where he served in various positions including District #12 joint council president and worshipful master of Augustus Lodge #137 and later becoming a member of Noble Paul Cade Lodge #311. Brother Taylor's spirit of self-sacrifice and determination has been the mantra of his service throughout the past 47 years.

Rodney married the late Irma Austin on July 19, 1971, in that union they had four children, Rodney Jr., David, Aisha, and Simone. He later married Dora "Yvonne" Taylor on June 22, 1982, and from that union they had a son, William. In a later relationship with Shirley Belvins he had a daughter, Sabrina.

Rodney was a devoted father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. He was preceded in death by his father, William; his mother, Blanche; and two brothers, Gregory and Dennis Taylor. He leaves behind: his brother, Harold Taylor; sisters, Adriene Amewudah, Vanessa Bryson and Beverly Taylor; his six children; twenty grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one son-in-law; his second mom who he will always cherish and miss deeply, Kat Brown; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and love ones including his longtime girlfriend, Jackie Pennington.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

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.