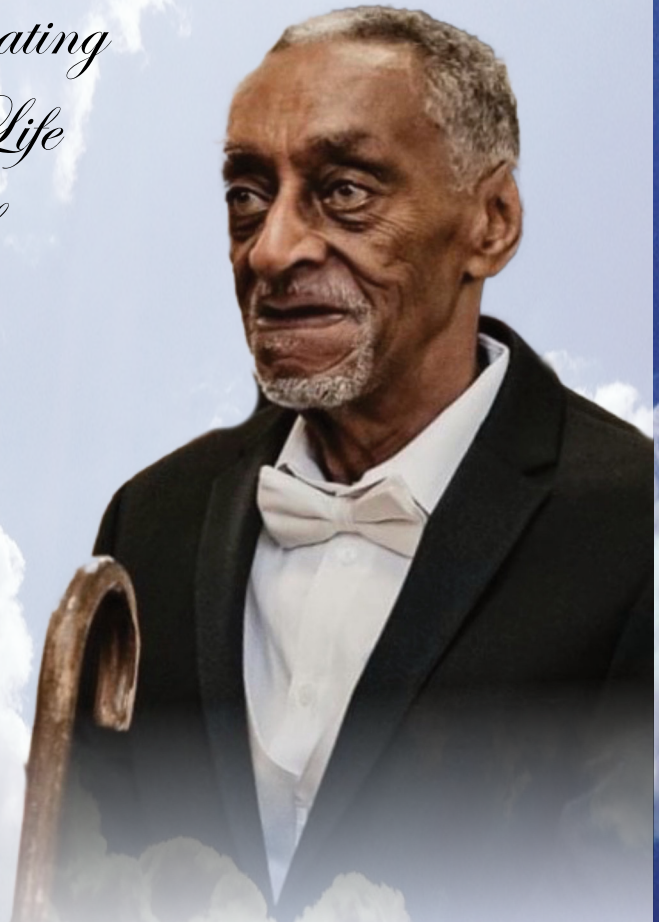


*Celebrating
the Life
of*



Samuel Ragland

**Sunrise
July 8, 1924**

**Sunset
April 15, 2020**

Friday, May 8, 2020 - 3:00 pm

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Obituary

Samuel William Barry Ragland, 95, departed this life on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 5:35am in Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York.

Samuel Ragland was born on July 8, 1924 in Mount Vernon, New York to the late Deacon Nathaniel B. Ragland, Sr. and Luealder Brown Ragland. He was the oldest of nine children. He attended Plainfield High School in Plainfield, New Jersey. He was preceded in death by his three brothers: Joseph, Bernard, and Nathaniel Ragland, Jr.; his sister, Mary Ragland Henson; his two sons, Scott Ragland and Samuel Ragland, Jr.; his daughter, Carolyn Ragland; and his grandson, Scott Ragland, Jr.

Samuel served for the Army-Private First Class from 1944 to 1946. He was honorably discharged due to an injury overseas. After the Army, he moved back home to Plainfield, New Jersey. He worked in his father's pool room and candy store. During this time is when he was introduced to his love for gambling as he took numbers for his father from Plainfield to Jersey City. He then went on to driving trucks, became a manager for the popular retail chain of the 60s, 'Two Guys', and professionally gambled for many years in Harlem. He lived in Harlem for the rest of his days. He was beloved by many in the Harlem community.

Samuel attended Church at Church of God and Saint of Christ as a child. His father was a Deacon of the church as well. Although he did not belong to an organization as an adult, Samuel kept God close to his heart.

Leaving to cherish his memories: his brothers, Clyde Ragland of Rahway, New Jersey and Reggie Ragland of New York; his daughter, Iva Mumford-Johnson of Philadelphia; his grandsons, Jamial Mumford, Donte Buchanan, Antwan Ragland, Tarik Ragland, Kristian Ragland, Davon Jones, Davion Jones, Jaquan Jones, and Jason Thomas; his granddaughters, Crystal Mumford, Shawanda Mumford, Halimah Mumford, Jasmine Ragland, Sparkle Ragland, and Ashanti Ragland; the grandkids of Ethel Carter; his longtime companion, Tanya Brown; and a host of extended family and loved ones.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

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Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

God Came

God came to me one day
He whispered in my ear
Come on my child, its time to go
Your home is now up there
I can't go now, I haven't said goodbye
To my friends and family
Don't worry, he said you don't have to
fear. In their hearts you'll always be
near. I went without saying anything
To all the people I love
Hoping they'll understand, it was in
God's plan and at His gates I'll stand
So now that I'm in the house of the
Lord I say don't shed a tear
Just think of it as his amazing grace
And know I'm always here Till our
hearts in death are stilled.

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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