



In Loving
Memory

Of

*Ray
Anthony
Williams*

Sunrise
October 15, 1962

Sunset
March 27, 2020

Service:
Saturday, May 30, 2020 - 12:30 p.m.

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Pastor Jay Gooding, Officiating

Minister Kevin Wade, Organist

Obituary

Ray “Raymond” Anthony Williams was born October 15, 1962 in Kingston, Jamaica. He was the son of the late Elaine Gorden and Michael Williams. Raymond departed this life on Friday, March 27, 2020.

In his early years Raymond lived with his mother, father and Grandmother, “Aunt Pearl” in the “Big Yard” of downtown Kingston. He was an intelligent, active young man who had an optimistic perspective on life.

Raymond was educated in the public schools of Kingston, Jamaica. As a student, Raymond did very well, excelling in mathematics in particular. In school, he got along well with everyone and was known by many as a leader and a pacemaker which resulted in the many lifelong friendships he formed. In 1979, he went on to graduate from St. Anne’s.

In 1983, Raymond migrated to the United States for a chance at a better life for himself and his family, which included his spouse and then 3 year old daughter. Once here, he worked vigorously to ensure he was able to provide for his growing family, as well as the many friends he had both in the US and Jamaica.

Raymond affectionately known as Pelpa, enjoyed a good party, watching basketball and was a devoted, unapologetic fan of the Knicks. He was the embodiment of being “young at heart”. He could never resist the opportunity to tell a story and have a good laugh with family and friends. Throughout his life he was a giver. He often stated how important it was to “never forget where you came from”. This he held on to dearly; frequently sending gifts “back home” to a multitude of family and friends. He always thought about others; boundaries were limitless once he considered you a friend. He was known by many to give without hesitation, with or without being asked.

Raymond was an extremely outgoing, generous person who truly loved life and lived it to the fullest. He is survived by his children, daughters, Shusanna S. Williams-Simpson, Shamar S. Williams, Shaina A. Williams, Shandel S. Williams, Raven S. Williams, Rayanna A. Williams and Sharay S. Williams; son, Ray A. Williams Jr.; mothers of his children, Sandra, Sharon A., Michelle and Sharon; grandchildren, Samir, Savannah, Serenity, Sarai, Salia, William Jr., and Sage; sister, Yasmin; brothers, Dayne, Richie, and Raheem; as well as a host of Aunts, other relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss his vibrant and captivating personality. Raymond will live on forever in our hearts.

Order of Service

Organ PreludeMinister Kevin Wade
Processional
Invocation
Selection.....“Amazing Grace”
Scripture ReadingPastor Jay Gooding
Old Testament
New Testament
Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Jay Gooding
Selection.....“Take Me To The King”
Reading of Obituary
Tributes
Eulogy.....Shusanna Williams
SelectionMinister Kevin Wade
SermonPastor Jay Gooding
Committal & Benediction
Remarks by Funeral Director
Final Viewing
Recessional

Interment

Dovecot Memorial Park and Crematorium
Spain Town, St. Catherine, Jamaica

The Chain Will Link Again

**Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.**

**In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.**

**It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.**

**For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.**

**You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.**

**And although we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.**

**Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.**

**But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.**

-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

The Williams family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to all who have shown concern, sympathy and an outpouring of love during this time of loss. We will always remember your generous acts of kindness. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.

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