

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OUR BELOVED, BUBBA



Oscar Ancrum

Sunrise
February 3, 1955

Sunset
July 3, 2020

Service:
Friday, July 17, 2020—5PM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.
2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027
Reverend Stanley Howard—Officiating

Obituary

Oscar Ancrum, the only son of the late Wilkie and Ruth Ancrum, was born in Charleston, South Carolina on February 3, 1955. Oscar was the youngest of three children, being blessed with two doting big sisters. In his early years, Oscar was affectionately given the name “Bubba” by his maternal uncles—whom he fiercely loved and admired throughout his life. Bubba would often say that his uncles were the gentlemen who shaped his life, and he was forever indebted to them.

As a young child, Bubba moved to Harlem, New York City, and received his formal education from the NYC Public School System—and later graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. During these impressionable years, Bubba adopted yet another name—“Red,” or different variations of this vibrant color due to Bubba’s naturally tanned reddish skin, and sandy colored hair. It didn’t take long for Red to learn and love the streets of Harlem—and he ultimately graduated at the top of his class from “U.L.A.”—The University of Lenox Avenue! You could find Red’s corner “office,” conveniently located on 132nd Street & Lenox Avenue by the McDonald’s.

Oscar was always sharp as a tack and dressed to kill; as well as fashionably late, because he loved to “bend corners” in whatever foreign car he was driving at the time. Oscar was his beloved family’s Comedian—and made anyone laugh whenever he blessed folks with his presence. It is also to be noted, that Oscar was crowned “Top Chef” during his times at Sleep-Away Camp; as well as delivering home cooked meals to his friends/acquaintances when he was free to roam about.

Oscar AKA Bubba AKA Red also had a weakness for a petite lady with a pretty face—and produced a beautiful daughter named Juanita with the late Brenda Ramsey. However, the late Janice Hassell stole Red’s heart early on when they were kids—and from their young “puppy love” produced Oscar’s “twin baby boy,” Dominick. That didn’t stop Oscar from having eyes for a hot young waitress at a local Harlem restaurant, and ultimately marrying Brenda Gallman in Hawaii. From their union, they produced two children—Brittany and Llana. Oscar’s love of family grew so deep, that he adopted his step-son, Erick shortly after.

Throughout his life, Oscar wasted no time networking and making connections with goal-oriented people. In 2011, Oscar partnered up with his Brother-from-Another-Mother, Hassan, and opened the doors to a delicious fish & chips restaurant called “Seafood Delight” in Englewood, New Jersey. Their exciting joint venture was indeed a “family affair,” where his favorite nephew Robbie would work tirelessly frying up tasty seafood delights, and his favorite niece Michelle would whip up her “famous” potato salad. This Black-owned business was a joy for Red, because he LOVED cooking up tasty seafood dishes in the kitchen—especially his Seafood Salad! Their take-out restaurant was a hit in the neighborhood, and Red & Hassan would hire a few locals in Englewood as their cashiers.

In his later years, Oscar enjoyed and grew accustomed to the quiet life at the end of his busy days in the City—and relocated to Hackensack, New Jersey. Oscar gave up this life on Friday, July 3, 2020, in the comfort of his own home. Our Creator makes no mistakes, when it is our time to leave—and Oscar left wanting his loved ones remembering him the way he was—FULL OF LIFE!!!

Oscar leaves to mourn: two sisters, Francine Rose and Ruth Thomason; as well as his Brother-from-another-Mother, Hassan; five children, Juanita, Dominick (Shawnique), Erick, Brittany, and Llana; as well as his two special girls, Regina Prittler and Ajanaé Thomas; one uncle, Harold Payne (Florence); two additional aunts, Shirley Goodwin and Doris Goodwin; thirteen grandchildren, Clishell, Clisha, Dominick Justin, Latrelle, Jayden, Sydney, Charlie, Erick Jr., Jaeden, Myles, Shai’enne, Maegen, and Sariyah; eight nephews, Edgar (Phyllis), Dwayne and Dwight, Christopher (Daisy), Adam (Rose Laure), Reginald, and his special nephews, Robert Ferguson (Regina) and Arthur Thomason, Jr.; four nieces, Monique, Camille (Oankh), Lashawn, and his very special niece, Michelle Thomason; a host of great grand nieces and nephews, as well as a “gang” of cousins! Oscar also leaves to mourn his best friends, Marty and Shaheed; as well as his special companion, Ms. Denise Mingo.

Order of Service

Invocation

Reverend Stanley Howard

Selection

Scripture Reading

Carol Goodwin

Prayer of Comfort

Salat al-Jananzah Prayer

Acknowledgement of Condolences/Remarks

Selection

Eva Gaillard AKA Miss Molly Brown

Obituary

Michelle Thomason

Eulogy

Reverend Stanley Howard

Benediction



By the Glorious
Morning Light
And by the Night
When it is still ...
The Guardian Lord
Hath not Forsaken thee
Nor is He displeased
And verily the Hereafter
Will be better for thee
Than the present.

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.***

2352 8th Avenue • Manhattan, NY • (212) 666-8300
1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY • (718) 774-1023
1018 Prospect Avenue • Bronx, NY • (718) 542-3833



Clifford V. James, President & CEO

www.unityfuneralchapels.com

email: unityfc@aol.com

"Your Loved Ones Deserve The Best - Unity"

