



*Happy Going Home Service  
For  
Rudolph Kenneth Toppin, Jr.  
“Rudy Sply”*

**Sunrise  
August 8, 1955**

**Sunset  
July 13, 2020**

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you  
as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not  
be afraid. John 14:27 NIV*

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

**Canaan Baptist Church**  
132 W. 116th Street, New York, NY 10026  
(between Lenox and 7th Avenue)

# Obituary

**Rudy** was born in New York City. He was the son of the late Rudolph Kenneth Toppin, Sr. and the late Francis Greene and was raised by his grandmother the late Ruby Greene.

Rudy attended Roosevelt High School in the Bronx. During the era of Hip-Hop (1973), Rudy attended CCNY and this is where he was introduced to the spirit of “entrepreneur” and met another entrepreneur student, Russell Simmons, who dared to dream. Together they embarked on a dare to dream ideas: party promotions and in tandem managed an early pioneer of hip-hop MC Kurtis Blow.

Rudy was a loyal friend. He enjoyed getting dressed-up, something he did so well. He also loved fishing, watching sports, playing bid whist and chess. Rudy was ILLUMINATING!!!!

Rudy leaves to cherish his memory: his brother, Shaheed Toppin; niece, Jasmine Toppin; cousin, Norman Edwards (big brother); cousins, Geraldine Harris, Alicia Harris, Adrienne Harris, Royce Harris, Shelly Heyward-Ramsey and Butch Heyward; his companion, Janice Ware; along with a host of family and friends.

*We will miss Rudy's quick wit and the LOVE FOR GETTING FLY  
“RUDY SPLY FLY GUY”.*

*We Love You Rudy*

*“True love never dies, it only becomes more endearing”*

# Order of Service

SOCIAL DISTANCING SERVICE

(Mask are Required - For everyone's protection)

We ask if you are sick or not sure of your Coronavirus Status to please watch from home to protect everyone. LIVESTREAM on FACEBOOK

12:00PM – 1:00PM Reflection by family and friends

1:00PM – 2:00PM Reading of the Obituary

Processional

Hymn of Consolation

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Consolation

Special Music

Obituary

(To Be Read Silently)

Solo

The Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

**Flower Bearers**

Family and Friends

**Pallbearers**

Family and Friend

**LIVESTREAM on FACEBOOK**

**Rudy's ashes will be placed with his father immediately following the service.**

**REPASS**

**CHILDREN'S PARK**

**131st Street and 5th Avenue on the corner, Harlem, NYC**

# *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 wishes to thank all for their kind words of comfort and encouragement. "True love never dies, it only becomes more endearing."*

*- The family of Rudy Toppin*

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