

Celebrating the Life of



James A. Edey

Sunrise
October 20, 1942

Sunset
October 22, 2020

Friday, October 30, 2020 - 10am

**St. Charles Borromeo, R.C. Church
Chapel of the Resurrection**

211 W. 141st Street, Harlem, NY 10030

Rev. Gregory Chisholm, S.J, Officiating

Obituary

James Augustus Edey was born on October 20, 1942 in the Bronx, New York. He was born alongside his twin brother, Eugene Edey, Jr. who preceded him in death, to Sylvia Farrelly and Eugene Edey, Sr. James was the smaller of the twins, and thus inherited the nickname “Tiny”. James and his family moved from the Bronx to the newly built Colonial Projects in Harlem in the early 50’s. He served as an altar boy at Church of the Resurrection (Chapel of the Resurrection) and attended George Washington High School. After graduation, he worked at the NYC Police Department as one of its first Administrative Aides. He would later become a senior Administrative Aide. Tiny married Yvette Jacobs-El in 1969 and the union bore their daughter, Tene Yasmin Edey.

During his time at the Police Department, James joined the clerical union, Local 1549 of DC37, a division of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). In 1978, Tiny became a grievance representative and helped to save a lot of clerical jobs in the Department. Over the years he would rise to the rank of First Executive Vice President.

At work, James was affectionately known as “Jimmy” and was known for staunch advocacy, extensive knowledge, and his patient and friendly nature. Tiny always went above and beyond for his family and friends. Tiny was an avid football fan and he was a meticulous dresser and a social butterfly. Tiny attended Camp Minisink where he became a member of the Order of the Feather and the Tapawingo Honors Society. It is no surprise that throughout his life he belonged to a number of Social Clubs such as the Selective Colleagues, The Associates and the Casualeers. He was a good listener and loved to give advice and help others. He was loved deeply by all those who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Yvette Edey; daughter, Tene Yasmin Edey; grandson, Tenard Sheppard; goddaughters, Nicole Jardine and Ayanna S. F. Cunningham; sisters, Claudette Davis Schrader and Lorma Davis Varlack; and a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins and friends. He is preceded in death by his brother, Samuel Davis, Jr.

Our James, our Jimmy, our Tiny will be missed more than words can say. He like his favorite team, was a GIANT of a man, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend.

Funeral Mass

FUNERAL LITURGY

Gathering Hymn.....“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
Greeting
Processional Hymn.....“Abide With Me”
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Old Testament: Daniel 12:1-3.....Elana Graves
Responsorial
Second Reading: Acts 10:34-36, 42, 43.....Bahia Ramos

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Homily.....Rev. Gregory Chisholm, S.J

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Deacon Kenneth Radcliffe

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn.....“Amazing Grace” - Sean-David Cunningham
Communion Hymn.....“Let Us Break Bread Together”
Communion Meditation.....“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”
Obituary.....Dr. Jamil Jacobs-El

COMMENDATION

Recessional Hymn.....“I’ll Fly Away”

INTERMENT:

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

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.

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