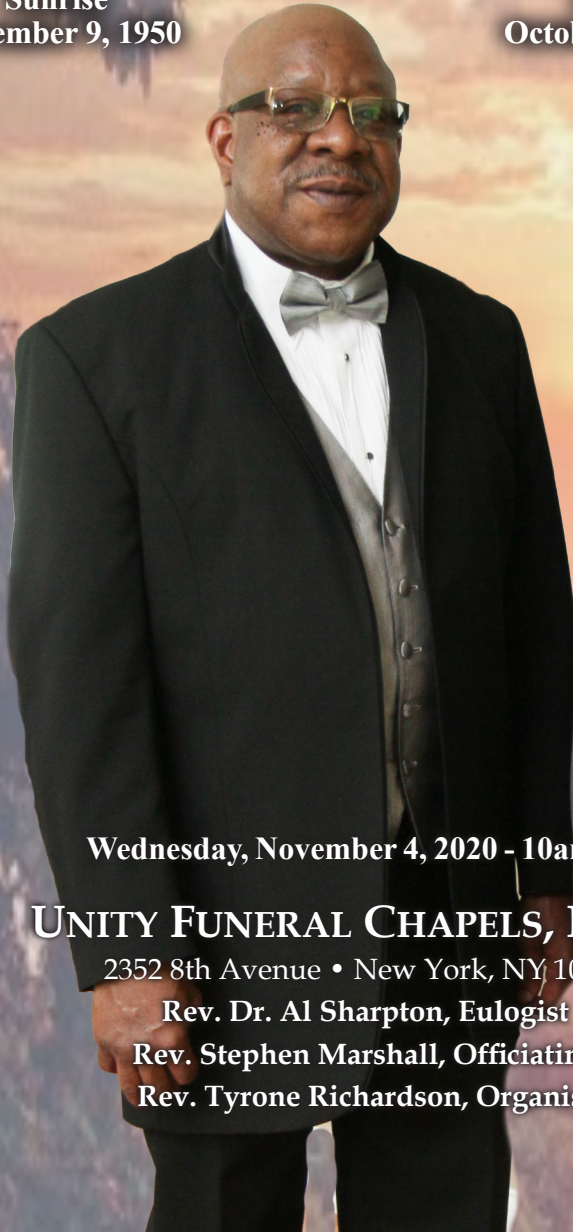


Celebrating the Life of
Harold Theodore Plunkett
“Brother Heru”

Sunrise
September 9, 1950

Sunset
October 21, 2020



Wednesday, November 4, 2020 - 10am

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Obituary

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, **Harold Theodore Plunkett, aka “Brother Heru”**, loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 70.

Brother Heru was born on September 9, 1950 in Harlem, New York to Naomi and Theodore Plunkett. This Harlem son experienced the extraordinary culture of Harlem growing up. Influenced by street corner lectures of activists, Pan-Africanists and philosophers, as well as performances from local and international artists and entertainers. He attended Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) which further broadened his horizons and helped him on his path as a student of the world.

On December 15, 1973, he married Rosalind Cummins. They raised two sons, Shukri and Nashid Mahmud. Providing for his family was a top priority. He tirelessly worked for both the US Postal Service and the New York City Transit Authority throughout his career. As the patriarch, Heru was always teaching—offering lessons centered on critical thinking, discipline, self-sufficiency and societal awareness. He was also an avid music lover, who often had rhythmic bass-filled beats filling the air.

Brother Heru was known for his thoughtful, compassionate, African-Centric, humanitarian spirit. He had a passion for the civil rights and social justice movement. This passion was demonstrated through his support of Rev. Dr. Al Sharpton and the National Action Network, where he served as a longtime member and leader of the Guardians. Those who knew or encountered him, admired his discipline and dedication to the cause.

Brother Heru was preceded in death by his father, Theodore and his mother, Naomi. He is survived by his wife, Rosalind; his two sons, Shukri and Nashid; daughter-in-law, Tayla; his sister, Kathryn Lynch; his brother, Melvin Wright; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Kathy Jordan Sharpton

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Deacon Winston Cummins

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Sharonné Lynch

Selection

Kathy Jordan Sharpton

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Al Sharpton

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

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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