

Celebrating the Life of



John Olds, III

"Da Barber"

Sunrise
February 9, 1976

Sunset
January 29, 2021

Thursday, February 4, 2021 - 6:00 pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11233

Pastor Thomas Warren, Jr., Eulogist

LaTasha Jordan, Soloist

Obituary

John Olds, III, affectionately known as Man, was born on February 9, 1976 to John Olds, Jr. and Freda Olds-Oates in Brooklyn, NY. He transitioned from this life on January 29, 2021 in the presence of family and friends.

During his childhood, John was a member of First Baptist Church of Crown Heights where he attended with his family. He was a member of the Celestial Choir and often sang lead. John loved singing and music. He was a member of a singing group and sang with his sister Shirelle.

John was educated in New York City schools. He continued his studies at Interboro Institute. At an early age, John discovered his passion for cutting hair. He became proficient at his craft. John's gift opened doors for him to become a well-respected barber and manager. He eventually opened his own barbershop, Stages Grooming Lounge, in 2010.

John loved his family, friends, and people. He was generous and helpful. John started FLOFEO™ (Friends Looking Out For Each Other); it was a bond of brotherhood. He was a known protector of his family; he was "the Man." He was infamous for after hour phone calls. His laughter was joyfully contagious. John found purpose in networking and building community.

John shared his life with his partner, Tracy Gaymes. They were committed to raising their children in a home that reflected the fullness of love and joy they shared together.

John leaves to cherish his memory his partner Tracy Gaymes, his children Shanequa Campbell, Ethan Olds, Ella Olds, and step-daughter Sophia Gaymes; his parents Freda M. Olds-Oates and John Olds, Jr; his Pop Carnell Oates, his grandmother Emma Lee Felix, his sister Freda Shirelle Forbes and brother in law Keiron Forbes, cousins Eva Miller and Devon Miller (who were like siblings), nieces Kayla and Kiah Forbes, five aunts, three uncles, and a sister. John had many treasured relationships with cousins and friends who were like family.

Order of Service

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor John McArthur

Scripture
Michelle Drayton

Selection
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow & Amazing Grace” - Yodit Smith

Remarks

Reading of the Obituary
Keiron Forbes

Selection
“I Shall Wear A Crown” - Krystal Eversly & Erica Hampton

Eulogy
Pastor Thomas Warren, Jr.

Closing Remarks

Inurnment
The Greenwood Crematory
Brooklyn, New York

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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