In Loving Memory of John Cosby

Sunrise December 22, 1959 Sunset February 22, 2021



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<u>Obituary</u>

John Cosby, Jr. was born on December 22, 1959. He was 61 years old. John was born in Brooklyn at Kings County Hospital. He leaves behind three sisters, Shirly Jones who lives in Maryland, Carroll E. Cosby-Billups who lives in Brooklyn, and Mary A. Cosby who lives in Astoria, Queens. Two of his other siblings passed away. One that passed away recently was Julia Lee Cosby. He also has a younger brother named Alfred Cosby who left us years ago. His father John Cosby left us years ago. His mother Marie Alma Cosby passed away in 2006. He also leaves behind two nicces; Vanisha Cosby-Billups and Maylynn Martin. He also has three second cousins; Darius Phillips of Virginia, Allyana Phillips of Maryland, and Nijah Phillips of Virginia. He also leaves behind a host of family and friends. John's public school was P.S. 150 in Brownsville, Brooklyn. He lived in Brownsville his whole life. His Junior High School was George Gershwin and he finished school at Canarsie High School.

Junior was always a high-spirited person. He often enjoyed taking long walks and he could communicate with a lot of different people. He loved everybody! At times he would put his foot down, but he always eventually gave in and continued to be a peaceful person. One unfortunate night, Junior was hit by a Hertz van. Then he left us for a little while but came back hearing his mother, Marie, screaming and calling out to him. That's when his health started deteriorating. He suffered fractures all over his body and was told by doctors at Brookdale Hospital to go for physical and occupational therapy, but he never did. He did not like hospitals at all. Later he became crippled. His legs were not easy to walk on, but that did not stop Junior from taking his long walks, enjoying people and life.

Many years later his right leg started to bend. However, Junior continued his long walks and meeting people. After his mother passed Junior moved to a single bedroom apartment at 393 Dumont Avenue in Brownsville. Then Carroll Cosby-Billups began to take care of him. She would make and go to appointments with him along with her daughter Vanisha Cosby-Billups. She would also pay rent and buy food for him. Julia Lee Cosby then stepped in and accompanied Junior to his appointments at Social Security. He was approved to receive Social Security benefits which helped to pay his rent, food, and other necessities. Julia became ill from cancer, so Mary and Carroll took over again with Frank Allen. After a couple months, Mary decided to travel to take care of Junior. During that time Junior tried to fix the fire detector. The next-door neighbor would complain of the noise of the fire detector. It would make loud sounds at random. Even at times when Junior wasn't cooking. Unfortunately, Junior fell off the stool and fractured more of his bones. He then was not able to walk. That is when Mary was asked by the agency Americare and Village Care along with Essen Medical to become Junior's CDPAS. CDPAS is a home attendant that works for family members. Mary was employed for 10 months. At that time Junior and Mary became very close. They would watch cable and see shows like Adam 12, The Rifleman (which was his favorite), Blackish, The Flintstones, and many more movies they enjoyed watching together. In the morning at 11am Mary would come in and greet Junior. After cooking and doing chores, Mary would sit with him everyday and tell him the day of the week and the date. He looked forward to that. During the latter days of them working together he started to eat very little. It seemed that he was giving up on life. Essen Medical made visits to do blood work and prescribed medicine for him. They also had Junior speak to a psychiatrist, but Junior would say that he felt fine and did not need any help. He also said that to all the doc

We never would have known that Junior had cancer in his bones. He never complained about pain. Once he said that he has seen the face of Jesus three (3) times. He also had an alter in his closet and bought many Bibles. He also has pictures of Jesus. One time Mary read the bible to him. The night before he passed away, something came over Mary after she kissed him as on his forehead and said that she loved him. She turned around and went back to his bedside and said that he was one of the few people that loved her back. Mary will always be grateful for that. He would look up at her with a very bright smile as tears came from his eyes.

The next day Mary came in his room and noticed that he wasn't moving. She walked closer to him and noticed that he was barely breathing. Mary called 911 and an EMT employee assisted her in giving him CPR. The EMT worker also instructed her to unlock the door so the EMT will be able to continue working after they arrived. However, when they rushed in the immediately stopped while looking at him and said that he has passed away and that it was too late to help him.

Mary travelled to Brooklyn from Queens that took 2 hours each way. She did not mind. She looked forward to opening his door and see his face turn into a bright smile. He was truly and Angel. She would stay after her shift just to sit, converse, and laugh. Junior is truly resting in peace and we believe that before he passed, he saw Jesus' face.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

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Eulogy

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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