

*Celebration
of Life
For*

Hector

Manuel

Rios, Jr.

**Sunrise
January 26, 1988**

**Sunset
April 5, 2021**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 - 10AM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Elder Dawn Heyward, Officiating



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Old Testament:

Psalm 23.....Deacon Karen Pridgen

New Testament:

Matthew 5:3-4.....Adjutant Bernard Bowen

Prayer of Comfort.....Pedro Crespo

Reflections.....Michelle Lopez
Migdalia Lopez
Abuela, Rosa

Song

Reflections.....Krystal Gittens
Adasha Gittens
Giovanni Recupero
Pamela Gittens

Reading of the Obituary.....Robert Spruill

Song

Eulogy.....Elder Dawn Heyward

Final Viewing.....Unity Funeral Chapel Director

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
350 East Linden Avenue
Linden, New Jersey 07036

Obituary

Hector Manuel Rios, Jr. was born on January 26, 1988. He was the oldest of three children born to Hector Rios and the late Charisse Wilson. Hector was born in New York City and raised in East Boston. As a child, Hector was a curious and precautionous young man; he loved to laugh and was a free-spirited person full of life.

Hector received his primary education at Mario Umana Academy. He graduated from Madison High School. After high school, Hector pursued his culinary interests by attending culinary school. He was good with his hands and he worked construction.

Hector was a devoted son, grandson, uncle and brother. He treasured the children in his life and embraced every moment with them. He was the godfather of Armani and Keziah. He had a very special relationship with his grandmother Rosa who doted on him and whom he appreciated and loved dearly.

Hector loved to travel and enjoyed having new experiences. He had an adventurous and an entrepreneurial spirit. He had a vivacious personality, and he could light up a room. He always made people laugh in his own serious way.

On April 5, 2021, Hector unexpectedly departed this life. He leaves to cherish his loving memory: father, Hector Rios (Kathy); brothers, Seon, Lamel, Kourtney, Kyree, and Tourean; sisters, Latisha, Cymone, and Keira; abuela, Rosa, who was an intricate part of his life and rearing; aunts, Migdalia and Michelle; uncles, Schweitzer, Pedro, Rafael, Wilbert (Willie), Marcus, Jonathan, and Antonius (Tony); godparents, Calvin Gittens, Sr. and Pamela Gittens who were a blessing to him and who he loved dearly; godbrother, Calvin Gittens, Jr.; godsister, Krystal Gittens; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends; and his significant other, Keren and her son, Gamaliel and daughter, Princess.

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 of the late Hector Manuel Rios, Jr. wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, and all acts of kindness extended to them during their hour of bereavement. All tributes, cards, and condolences will be acknowledged by the family at a later date.

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