

*In Loving Memory of*



*Billy Earl Lottmen, Jr.*

Sunrise  
May 5, 1964

Sunset  
June 1, 2021

Saturday, June 12, 2021 - 10AM

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# *Obituary*

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**Billy Earl Lottmen, Jr.** was a family man in more than one sense of the term. To him, what it meant to be family was more than spending time together on Holidays or sharing a last name. For Billy or “Boo Boo”, as he was lovingly referred to by those closest to him; family was about a sharing and passing down of traditions, values, heritage, and culture.

Born on May 5, 1964 to Geraldine and Earl Lottmen, Billy was raised in the Bronx, New York. Being from Bronx River Projects was a point of pride and played a significant role in how he lived his life. His father Earl instilled in him the importance of continuing to practice anything until he got it right. His mother Geraldine, taught him the value of education, and all the stereotypical “girl jobs” so he understood the value of being a caretaker, both of oneself, and more importantly, others.

At the age of 18, Billy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served 2 years; including a deployment to Beirut, Lebanon. The Marines reaffirmed his belief in Family and education through repetition, and the importance of maintaining connections. Billy’s first and most intense love was with hip hop music. This love would lead him to joining the Zulu Nation, which pushed people to expand their thinking through hip hop music and realize that the box they were put in by society was all an illusion.

Following the death of his grandmother Liza, Billy sought out Islam; getting inspiration from Uncle Leonard and Aunt Baja; Islam instilled in him discipline, enlightenment, and accountability. It would be these teachings that would guide Billy in dealing with past events, guiding him to becoming the man he was later in his life. Billy later returned to Christianity, citing the desire to be closer to his Mother.

He became a staple at family reunions, often going far and wide, literally, to connect distant cousins and siblings, and eventually building an extensive Family Tree and Ancestry record. He could often be found behind the camera, taking candid photos and videos, ensuring a better record of history and traditions were captured than generations past.

His last great love would come when he became a father to his son, William Lottmen III. Being a father would redefine Billy as a man, as he worked diligently to build a strong foundation for his son. Earning two college degrees and passing down all of his life’s lessons to William is a legacy from Billy that will live on.

Billy Lottmen is survived by: his son, William Lottmen III; William’s mother, Jessica Hayes; his two sisters, Kim Lottman and Karen Lee; his nieces and nephews; and countless cousins who will never forget the man he was and more significantly the man he became.

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

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Remarks

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:  
Rosehill Crematory  
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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