

In Loving Memory of



Harry Van Dyke

Sunrise
September 7, 1948

Sunset
June 21, 2021

Friday, July 2, 2021 - 12PM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Obituary

“Death leave heartache difficult to heal; Love leave sweet memories no one can steal”

Harry Van Dyke was born on September 7, 1948 in Harlem Hospital, New York City to the late Thelma Watson and Albert Van Dyke. He grew in Harlem, New York and considered himself as a True “Harlem Knight.”

Harry was baptized by the late Adam Clayton Powell who served as a mentor in his adolescent years. He later followed the religion of Islam where he faithfully studied the Quran and held a strong trust and faith in Allah. He was educated in the New York City Public School system where he developed his many talents: cooking, baking, tailoring, physical training and later served as a mentor to many throughout the years.

Harry loved his family and he had a strong passion for life and lived it his way. His infectious smile would light up the room and he brought happiness and laughter to those he met.

He met and married Celeste Van Dyke on June 3, 1972 and on March 15, 2019 they renewed their vows and their love remained unchanged until his death.

Harry leave to cherish his memories: his wife, Celeste Van Dyke; three sons, Allan Hayes (Mechele Hayes), Harry Van Dyke, Jr. (Latonia Van Dyke) and Jimmy Carter (Latoya Carter); one daughter, Jewel Van Dyke; ten grandchildren, Tamika, Tasheem, Quinnia, Quran, Ashley, Latonia, Harry III, Lauryn, Lilly and Semaj; twelve great grands, Daniel, Zyaire, Xion, Sequori, Qadir, Calie, Khloe, Damein, Diajore, Moses, Juavanny, Hakeem, Tynisha, Juanita and Brielle; one sister, Gwen Thurman; one brother, Edward Watson; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of loving friends.



Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

William Cummings (cousin)

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Kendra Van Dyke

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

**FINAL DISPOSITION:
Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey**



Celeste,

Thoughts of you carries me
through these days and lonely
nights, I smile when I hear
the radio playing a song that
reminds me of you. Happy
thoughts and warm memories
are what I have with you.

My Rock

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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