



In Loving Memory of Emanuel Miles

Sunrise
September 18, 1956

Sunset
August 25, 2021



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Obituary

Emanuel Miles was born on September 18, 1956 in New York City to David and Viola Miles. They raised him to be a Christian and a law-abiding citizen who believed in fair play when dealing with others. He grew up in St. Albans, Queens, New York and graduated from Martin Van Buren High School in 1975. After graduation he attended York College to pursue a Major in Bus. Admin.

As a young man, he worked summers at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center and as a Camp Counselor at New Horizons in St. Albans. At New Horizons he also studied Martial Arts, and became proficient in Karate. From there he studied Kung Fu at the Allen Lee Shaolin Chinese Kung Fu Wu Su Assoc. Here he performed in numerous tournaments, won awards and eventually became an Instructor in this art. Swimming at the YMCA was another passion he enjoyed. Being an uncle to many nieces and nephews, he served as their baby-sitter regularly, and one of the important lessons he taught them was to, "clean up what you messed up".

In the early 1980's he was recruited as an Eligibility Specialist with the New York City Dept of Social Services Food Stamp Program. He enjoyed helping people in need so much that he decided to stay there permanently.

In 1995 he married his High School sweetheart, Maria Harris, and out of that union Sherah, their precious daughter was born. She called him "Father" instead of "Daddy", which he adored. She was his pride and joy.

Emanuel was a fantastic cook, who rarely used formal recipes. He loved listening to "old-school music" and watching old movies from the 1960's and 1970's. Although he was a man of a few words, you knew he loved you. He was soft-spoken, gentle, kind and respectful to people. Most people who met or knew "Manny" liked him because of his good nature. If there is a punctuation mark to describe Emanuel, it would be an exclamation point (!). While he would respectfully listen to what others had to say, he ultimately did things "his own way".

He leaves to cherish his memory is his mother, Viola Miles, daughter, Sherah, sister, Alfreda McMichael, brother, Govan Campbell, brother, Alexander Miles, (wife) Maria, nieces: Cheryl, Lisa, Indra, Nylah, Amirah and Gigi (niece in-law). Nephews: Norman Jr., Rodney and Darryl, (Stacey and Shareef pre-deceased him), and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*God said you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to Me".
With Tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away,
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Oh how you would be missed,
Our hearts are surely broken, but
We know God only takes the best.*

In Appreciation

*The family of Emanuel Miles would like to thank you
for your cards, flowers, calls and warm condolences.*

We loved him but God loved him best.

~ The Family ~

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