

Celebration of Life

*for
Gregory Venice Baird*



Sunrise
December 26, 1950

Sunset
September 29, 2021

Funeral Service:
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 - 6:00 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Reginald E. Paris, Officiating

Lagee Andre Green, Organist

Obituary

Mr. Gregory Baird was born December 26, 1950, in the Bronx to Venice and Natalie Baird. He once told me that he had been raised by his parents and by every aunt, uncle, neighbor and every other adult that lived in his area. Whether at home or in the park he had to watch what he said and did even when his relatives were not around.

Gregory attended Dewitt Clinton High School and participated in the Co-operative Education program. This program allowed him to attend school one week and work one week. He was hired by the Bronx County Courthouse as a clerical worker in the Supreme Court Records room. After graduating in 1969 he went to work for Bankers Trust Company as an N.C.R. Encoding Operator. In 1977 he moved on to a highway cleaning position in the Department of Transportation Bureau of Highways. In 1979 he became a Traffic Enforcement agent where he worked until retiring in 2012.

In his youth he joined the Boy Scouts of America, and later the Sea Cadets. Gregory took his greatest pleasure in joining International Free and Accepted Modern Masons Incorporated and Order of the Eastern Star in 1979. He was a dedicated member of the organization for over 42 years as a member of Noble Cade Lodge No. 311, John R. Lundy District Grand Lodge District No. 12. He served as Worthy Patron in at least four different Chapters of Mother Electa Grand Chapter District No. 12. He also served as District King Solomon of Makeda District Queen of the South Palace District No. 12. Brother Baird faithfully supported his brothers and sisters in all of their endeavors. After serving in various positions over the years he achieved the highest degree in Masonry becoming Illustrious Gregory Baird 33°.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents Venice and Natalie Baird as well as his brother Steven Baird. He leaves to mourn his passing his cousin Lenaire Moore of San Diego California, her daughter Kelly, and one aunt Mercedes McQueen. He also leaves behind his family of International Free and Accepted Modern Masons, Incorporated (brothers) and Order of the Eastern Star (sisters). His presence will be greatly missed by us all.

Order of Service

Musical Interlude..... Lagee Andre Green
Masonic Ceremony..... Noble Paul Cade No. 311
Processional..... Family
Prayer of Invocation.....Rev. Reginald E. Paris
Hymn....."Blessed Assurance"
Scripture Readings
Old Testament – Psalm 23Brother Tonka Brown
New Testament – John 14: 1-6 ...Sister Tomasina Samms-Riddick
Prayer of Comfort..... Brother Minister Leroy Cain
Musical Selection
Reflections.....(2 Minutes)
Acknowledgements Sister Jaqueline Pennington
Obituary.....Sister Linda T. Frazier
Benediction.....Reverend Reginald E. Paris
Recessional.....Family

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

The Chain Will Link Again

**Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.**

**In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.**

**It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.**

**For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.**

**You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.**

**And although we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.**

**Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.**

**But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.**

-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

The family appreciates everyone who came out to help celebrate the life of our beloved Gregory Venice Baird. We thank you for anything you may have done to help us in our time of bereavement.

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