

Celebrating the Life of
Theodore Rawles, Jr.

April 12, 1958 - January 20, 2022



Service:

Monday, February 7, 2022 - 5PM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Officiating

Rev. Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary



Theodore Rawles, Jr. (Teddy), first child and only son born into the parentage of Theodore R. Rawles and Maggie Ramsey Rawles on April 12, 1958 in New York City. Teddy attended P.S. 194 and I.S. 10. When the family moved to North Carolina, Teddy attended Garysburg Elementary and Gumberry High School - Class of 1976. Teddy joined Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church in Occoneechee Neck, Jackson, NC.

He attended Sunday School and enjoyed singing in the children's choir.

After Teddy graduated, he immediately went back to New York, his beloved city. He was employed with St. Martin's Press Publishing Company and Photographic Unlimited Inc. However, Teddy always loved the arts. He began modeling and took pride in various background acting roles on a number of shows and movies such as *New York Undercover*, *The Preacher's Wife*, and *American Gangster*. He made sure we knew about all upcoming projects and even provided copies of DVDs to many of his friends and loved ones to make sure we didn't miss the magic. He may have not seen his name in lights, however, Adreece (Teddy) as known in the acting community, was a star. He was our star.

Teddy loved making frequent trips to Harlem, where he would indulge in his favorite southern food consisting of macaroni & cheese, yams, potato salad, ribs and a variety of sweets including his favorite, sweet potato pie. He enjoyed watching court TV, attending Broadway shows and dining out at new restaurants to offer his own critique.

Teddy was admitted into Mount Sinai Hospital in October 2021. He subsequently went to VillageCare and Upper East Side Rehabilitation Center, where he transitioned on January 20, 2022. Among those waiting to greet Teddy will be many relatives and friends including Grandma Celester Rice, Grandma Mollie Ramsey, Aunt Lucille Hardy, Uncle Buddy Clanton and dear friends, Curtis Harris and Myla Gottschalk.

Those left to celebrate his life and legacy are: his parents, Theodore and Maggie Rawles, Jackson, North Carolina; three sisters, Orentha Rawles Alava, NY, Ophelia Rawles, Harlem, NY, and Trina Rawles, NY; two bonus siblings by love, Ditria Wilburn, CA and Charles Terry, NY; one niece, Delicia Alava (LaQuana), NY; two nephews, Victor Alava (Jessica), NJ and Vance Rawles, NY; two great nieces, Tanazia Gordon, NY and Laila Alava, NJ; two great nephews, Keano Quiles, NJ and Aiden Alava, NY; three aunts, Mary R. Davis, NY, Bessie R. Gary (Roger), DE, and Rebecca Benjamin, NJ; one uncle, Ernest Ramsey (Barbara), NC; two best friends, Phillip Fields, NY and Stephen Williams, NY; and a host of cousins, family, and friends.

He really cared about people and made friends everywhere. He had a special gift of connecting with people; it was deeply felt and will forever be missed.

Rest in peace *Theodore "Teddy" "Adreece" Rawles, Jr.*, until we see your sweet smile, and kind heart again.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT:

Friday, February 11, 2022 - 12:30PM

Crestview Memorial Cemetery

Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina



If Tears Could Build A Stairway

*If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.*

Acknowledgement

Special thanks to Teddy's beloved group of brother friends: Charles Terry, Phillip Fields, Stephen Williams, Ignacio Hancock, Larry Diorio and a host of relatives, friends, neighbors, caretakers, and all those he befriended. Your presence and kindness enriched Teddy's life immensely. Marchand Odette, thank you for your life saving effort, along with Mount Sinai West Hospital, Village Care Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, and Upper East Side Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. A sincere heartfelt thank you to Mr. Gary Robinson and the staff of Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc. and Hubert D. Pope of HD Pope Funeral Home.

In remembrance of Teddy's life, the family asks that in lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity in his honor.

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