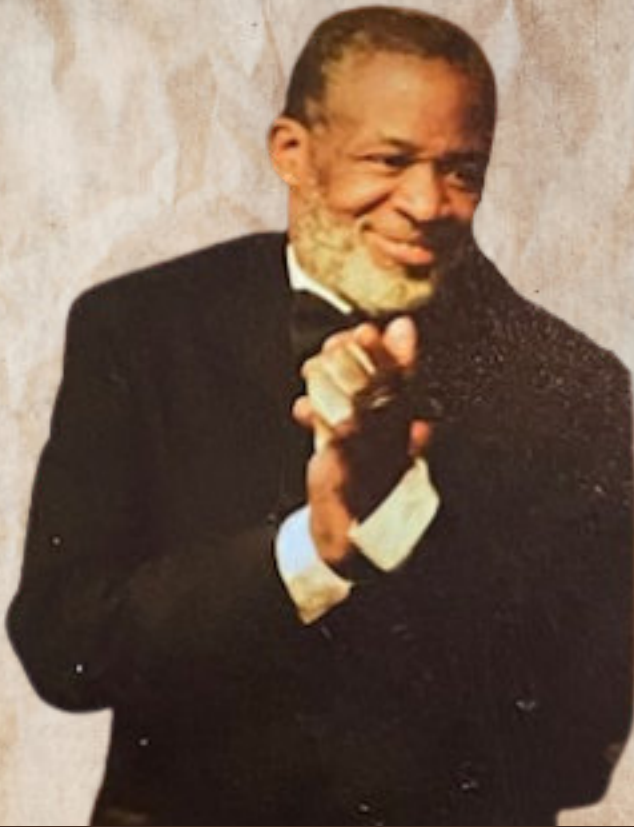


In Loving Memory of



Keith Matthew Thompson
SUNRISE: May 18, 1952
SUNSET: November 4, 2022

Friday, November 18, 2022 - 5pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.
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Obituary

Keith Matthew Thompson was born on May 18th, 1952, to Frances Helen Rapley and Raymond Thompson in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, New York. He was the eldest son of Helen Parker's nine children, and the eldest son of Raymond Thompson's eight children.

He attended parochial schools in Brooklyn and graduated with high honors. Keith attended the State University at Oswego where he majored in History. In his sophomore year, he transferred to the State University at Old Westbury. While at Old Westbury, he became politically active and joined the Student Union and other political organizations.

After graduating from Old Westbury, with high honors, Keith enrolled in graduate school at the State University at Stony Brook with a triple concentration in History, Political Science, and Sociology where he received a triple Master's Degree.

While attending graduate school, Keith began working at the City College of New York as a SEDA worker. He was the Administrator of the Writing Center and began teaching Social Science Survey in the Seek Program. Keith was employed at City College for almost 40 years. During his tenure, he received several awards and accommodations. He received an opportunity to become a Graduate Fellow at Columbia University.

He was a beloved Professor, husband, father, uncle, friend, and a mentor to an enormous community. Keith had a great appreciation for all genres of music, art, and dance. He derived pleasure visiting museums, art galleries, lectures and group discussions.

Keith and Denise met at 409 Edgecombe Avenue in 1981, fell in love and married a year later. They had one daughter, Taylor Yvonne Celeste in 1995.

Keith is survived by: his wife, Denise; daughter, Taylor; goddaughter, D'Aaliyah; his siblings from Frances Rapley-Parker, Cle Ester (Elaine), Celeste; brothers, Ronald, Wayne, Alex, and Jerome. (He preceded in death by his brothers, Donald and Chylow); his siblings from Raymond Thompson, Marion, Elaine, Gayle, Raymond and Brenda; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Submitted Lovingly by the Family

Order of Service

Welcoming Prayer..... Rev. Trevor Walker

Reading of Poem.....Chandice Carroll-Boben

Homegoing Prayer.....Rev. Trevor Walker

Reading of the Obituary.....Dr. Stephen Robinson

Reflections.....Open Mic

Repass to follow at:

Broadway Housing, Inc.

Dorothy Day Gallery

583 Riverside Drive at 135th Street

Penthouse

New York, NY 10031

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory

Linden, New Jersey

The Beauty of Death

Let me sleep, for my soul is intoxicated with love, and let me rest,

For my spirit has no bounty of days and nights;

I have passed a mountain peak and my soul is soaring in the firmament

of complete and unbound freedom.

Utter no sigh of agony, but draw on my face with your finger,

The symbol of love and joy disturb not the air of tranquility with

Chanting and requiems.

But let your hearts sing with me the song of Eternal Life

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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