

Celebrating the Life of



George Maddicks

SUNRISE: February 24, 1949 - SUNSET: January 9, 2024

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 - 1pm

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Obituary

George Maddicks was the eldest child born to Marion Greene Maddicks and James Maddicks on February 24, 1949. He attended PS 103, Cooper JHS 120 and Brandeis HS. George grew up in his native Harlem and although he did not attend church as an adult, he was baptized, made his first Communion and was Confirmed Catholic at St. Paul's Church in East Harlem. He maintained a firm belief in God and was devoted to praying the rosary.

George spent his early childhood surrounded by family; not only his siblings but with grandparents, an extensive group of aunts, uncles and many cousins. He was fun loving and enjoyed playing cards, attending basketball games and generally hanging out with his friends.

George's health was on the decline for some time, however, he was very private and did not want anyone to know how much he was ailing. Only during the last few months of his life did he complain as he had to spend time going from one doctor to another. George was hospitalized just before Christmas 2023, but he was in good spirits until the very end of his life.

George was married twice, first in 1969 to Ollie Daniels and they had one son George (Wahi). They were married for about 5 years. Although the marriage ended, Ollie and George remained cordial until she predeceased him in 2018. George married Joyce Cooper on February 27, 1987, and she remained his faithful spouse until his death on January 9, 2024.

After high school, George went to work for the United States Postal Service and then for New York Telephone Company which later became Verizon. He retired from Verizon after more than 30 years of service.

George was predeceased by his father, James Maddicks; his mother, Marion Holmes; his step-father, Joseph Holmes; his siblings, Lorraine, Claudette and Daniel Maddicks; and grandson, Elijah Woodson.

He is survived by: his wife, Joyce Cooper; his son, George Wahi and daughter-in-law, Shireen; daughters, Monique and Monay; sister, Denise Maddicks Bovain; brother-in-law, Johnnie Bovain; his grandson, George and his wife, Jane-e; grandsons, Jared Henry and Joshua Henry-Holt; granddaughter, Gina Holden and her husband, Sam; great-granddaughter, Alaina Holden; his first cousins, Joanne and Stephanie Greene, Mikhael Levy, Sheila Murray and Philip Valverde; nephews, Emilio Jr., Anthony and Sabin Cotto, Johnnie Bovain, Jr. and DeShawn Maddicks; his nieces, Cathy and Terry Cotto, Wakeysa and Shenequa Brinson; his three sisters-in-law, Beverly Stinson, Elaine Forest and Debra Cooper; his brother-in-law, Robert Cooper; and many other relatives too numerous to name.

George was grateful for his life and would want us all to know that he is at peace.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey



I'm Free

**Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.**

I could not stay another day.

**To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.**

**If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.**

**My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!**

-author unknown

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***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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