

Celebrating the Life of
John Shaw



Funeral Service
Saturday, August 3, 2024 - 11:00 AM

Saint Charles Borromeo Church
211 West 141st Street, New York, NY 10030

Order of Service

FUNERAL LITURGY

Gathering Hymn Musical Medley
Greeting
Processional Hymn Amazing Grace
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Old Testament Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9 - Read by Cameron Shaw
Responsorial
Second Reading .. Revelations 21: 1-5, 6-7 - Read by Kendall Shaw

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Homily Fr. Benedict Ohanga

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn..... How Great Thou Art
Communion Hymn..... Ave Maria
Communion Meditation On Eagles Wings
Obituary Chad Eric Shaw

COMMENDATION

Recessional Hymn Blessed Assurance

Obituary

John Leonard Shaw was the ninth of ten children from his parents Gladstone and Leleith Burgess Shaw. During his early years, John would have breakfast every morning with his father that he greatly resembled. John attended St. Anthony of Padua Elementary School in the Bronx. He graduated with honors. He then attended Cardinal Hayes H.S., and graduated Cum Laude. He once received a grade of 100 in Mathematics. Wow! John also won a scholarship given by his father's union, and attended Manhattan College in Riverdale; where he managed to once again attain Cum Laude status in his graduating class.

The Shaw residence with 9 other siblings, and a niece, Judith Sturgis, was always a bubbly, busy and active household. Everyone including their parents were engaged in numerous activities in the church, and community as well.

During his college years, John had a Summer job as director of the St. Anthony of Padua Summer Day Camp program. He also drove a yellow cab, and earned enough money to purchase his 1st car, a black Volkswagen Beetle.

John had a true passion for his family, history, discovery, and Jazz. In fact, you could classify John as a jazz aficionado. John, who could have pursued any career of his choice, chose to dedicate himself as a Civil Servant. He spent time as a Social Worker in the department of Child Services, and retired as a Data Analyst for the State of New York.

A dedicated Father, John along with his 1st wife, Donna Givens, lovingly raised his only child Chad Shaw. John later remarried his final love Joyce Dukes, and happily resided in Memphis, Tennessee. In Memphis, he proudly became a Bar-B-Q Grill Master, as well as a Gardner growing fresh Herbs, and Vegetables in his Garden. John, along with his wife started a Drama Club at the Orange Mound Community Center, and were proudly responsible for several productions there.

Although, John was assailed by a debilitating respiratory illness that claimed his life, he bravely endured each trial with courage and dignity.

He is preceded in death by his loving parents Gladstone and Leleith Shaw, his brothers Rudy Shaw, Gladstone Shaw, Douglas Leon, Tony Shaw, and his sister Phyliss Shaw, as well as his final love for over 30 years Joyce Dukes.

John is survived by his siblings, Arlene Williams, Hyacinth Brea, Franklin Shaw, and Raymond Shaw, his son, Chad Shaw and spouse Natisha Little Shaw, grandchildren, Cameron Shaw, Kendall Shaw, and Saul Ravenell, a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins, the entire Dukes and Jones family, as well as an intimate circle of friends, and loved ones across the globe.

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.



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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