

Service

Friday, October 7, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

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2352 8th Avenue New York, New York 10027

<u>Obituary</u>

On Friday, May 12, 1961 at Sydenham Hospital in New York City at 11:15 a.m., **Johnnie** was born! Our Mom decided that we would call him by the nickname "Ronnie", which was soon shortened to "Ron"! Little did we all know that Ron would bring continuous joy and laughter to anyone who came in contact with him!

Much to our surprise, Ron started walking at the age of eight months old and dancing to his favorite tune "Do you love me" at the age of two!

Ron graduated from The Lenox School in Manhattan and went on to take courses at SUNY in New Paltz, New York, and Parsons School of Design in New York City. While attending The Lenox School, Ron met Frank, Henry and Malcolm who would become like brothers and be his best friends for life!

Ron worked at Columbia University, Butler Library Mailroom for over 27 years, along with Henry and Malcolm. There wasn't a day that anyone could walk into the mailroom and walk out without their sides hurting from the laughter they would receive from "The Team of Ron, Hen and Mal"! Yes, the team of three went through school together and ended up working together! True friendship and brotherhood!

As the years passed, Ron was very much into art, music and sports. He was always drawing and sketching something that would make us laugh or bring beauty to our eyes. His favorite sports teams were the NY Jets, NY Knicks and NY Yankees! It didn't matter what anyone said about the Jets, Knicks or Yankees, even if they stunk, they were winners in Ron's eyes; a true fan! His love for music allowed him to compile different songs, put them on CDs and share his CDs with family and friends. He also played a bass guitar and enjoyed playing in a band with Henry on the drums.

Ron's sense of humor never stopped! He would joke and tease our Mom, speaking in her native "West Indian" tongue. Even if our Mom was serious with him, it would end in laughter and memories that we continue to laugh about today! No matter how serious a situation would be, when you discussed it with Ron, he would make you laugh until you forgot that you ever had a serious situation in the first place!

Ron's calm demeanor, pleasant manner of speaking and positive attitude always made you feel comfortable and happy when you were around him.

He leaves to cherish his memories: three children, Niquita, Lauren, and Michael; two grandchildren, Jamire and Anthony; one brother, Jovonnie; four sisters, Donna, Denyce, Jasmine and Stella; brothers-in-law Darryl, Earl and Greg; nephews, Vance, Greg, Kelcy, Quincy, Tyrell, Jovonnie Jr., and Ryan; nieces, Kelly, Kori, Brooke, Layla and Ruby; grandnieces, Gabrielle, Jocelyn and Ena; best friends Frank, Henry and Malcolm; one uncle, Samuel Peterson, Esq.; two aunts, Doris Anderson and Mae Jackson; and a host of dear cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Interment

Glendale Cemetery Bloomfield, New Jersey What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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