



In Loving Memory of
Rufus A. Goode

Sunrise
February 17, 1924

Sunset
March 12, 2012

Service

Saturday, March 17, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

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Celebration of Life

Rufus Arthur (Abraham) Goode, Jr. entered the world on February 17, 1924.

He was the fifth of ten children born to the late Rufus A. Goode, Sr. and Viola Hawkins Goode.

Rufus grew up in Suffolk, Virginia where he completed his schooling. As a high school student Rufus excelled in sports (baseball, basketball, football and archery). In 1943, upon his graduation from Booker T. High School, he was enlisted into the US Navy and received an honorable discharge after two years of service.

In 1946, Rufus moved to New York City first residing in Harlem before moving to the Bronx. Rufus quickly adjusted to fast paced city life by becoming a member of the Elks Lodge, The Masons and later the Disabled American Veterans. He held various jobs where he worked with his hands before becoming a Health and Hospital Police Officer at Goldwater Hospital. Rufus retired in 1983 after fourteen years of service.

Rufus kept busy during his retirement with photography but his favorite past time was spending time with his family and friends. Rufus enjoyed talking on the phone, giving advice and family get togethers. The Annual Goode Family Reunion was something Rufus anticipated with excitement. He would talk about it in January, begin packing in March and in August when the event was held he would plan for the next year.

Rufus peacefully entered eternal rest on Monday, March 12, 2012 after a brief encounter with cancer. He was preceded in death by his first two wives, Priscilla Wright and Cleo Cannon, his brothers, George, Ernest and William and his sisters, Etta, Viola and Gladys.

His legacy will continue through: his wife, Marth; sons, Robert and Irving; daughters, Brenda, Romarta, Laverne and Renee; brothers, James and Howard; sister, Ethel; many grandchildren; great grandchildren, nieces, nephews; and a host of friends.

May his soul rest in peace

*Submitted with love by
The Family*

Order of Service

Opening Words Rev. Stanley Smith

Processional “One Faith, One Baptism”
Goode Family Choir

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Stanley Smith

Musical Selection Kathy Goode
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Scripture Reading - Psalm 23 Monique Watson

Musical Selection Louise and James Goode

Acknowledgements Nicole Perry

Obituary Robert Johnson

Musical Selection Karen Frederick

Eulogy Rev. Stanley Smith

Benediction Rev. Stanley Smith

Recessional

Entombment

Woodlawn Mausoleum
Bronx, New York

Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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