

In Loving Memory of
Ralph Eugene Abraham

Sunrise
September 21, 1948

Sunset
September 18, 2012

Memorial Service
Saturday, September 22, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.

MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

348 Beach 71st Street (Beach Channel Drive at 71st Street)

Rockaway Beach, New York

Rev. Darren Ferguson, Pastor

Obituary

After a courageous battle with cancer, **Ralph Eugene Abraham** passed away, peacefully, on September 18, 2012 - the 23rd anniversary of Hurricane Hugo. Ralph was born September 21, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York. He later graduated from St. John's University in 1970. From there, Ralph relocated to St. Croix, USVI where he began his life as a community leader and family man. During his time in the Virgin Islands, he ignited pride in the young men and women of the community through his leadership in the Boy Scouts of America. On the Island, he was known affectionately as the Boy Scout Man. In 1989, almost twenty years later, Hurricane Hugo blew him to Hampton, Virginia where he continued his influence on the life of young men and women as an educator.

Ralph was one of two children born to the late Rufus and Geraldine Abraham and was the beloved husband of Harriet Abraham. Ralph will forever be remembered by his uncles, George "Cliff" Abraham and Teddy Baptiste, his aunt, Cynthia Marshall, mother-in-law, Lily Newell, loving sister-in-law, Peggy Newell, his five beloved children, Ramadan, Faisal, Tajama, Nsilo and Serene, his caring children-in-law, Patrick, Sondra, Mia and Dineen, his eleven treasured grandchildren, Aaron, Jalir, Naja, Patrick II, Isaiah, Leylani, Nala, Jordan, Sophia, Marissa and Nsilo, all of his loving cousins, along with countless friends and family who were blessed to know him, especially Cleveland Monroe Thornhill, his brother, from another mother.

Ralph loved basketball, the beach, music, singing, dancing and educating others on life through his experiences. He loved life, however, his greatest passion was talking about and spending time with his greatest treasure - his children and their respective families.

The Boy Scout Man touched and inspired the lives of many people with his smile, spiritual energy and words of wisdom. He was a great man, father, husband and child of God. Ralph will be greatly missed, but the legacy he left behind in his children will allow his blessings to live on through them.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Darren Ferguson


Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Endless Run



He laces up his winged adidas
And made his final run
This arena had no boundaries
He scored goals between the posts of our heart
He rose and blazed through the universe
He shook hands with Wilt Chamberlain when
he passed the big dipper... but he didn't linger
cause Jesse Owens had a big head start
He's at the gates of heaven
He's in the end zone...
Doing a cha cha Victor Cruz would love
We cheer bravo! Encore!
But he is gone in a flash
Like a bolt of lightning
Powerful and illuminating
He left a rainbow of memories
Of colorful times
Sandy beaches
... and the sea
His eternal song can be heard by placing a sea
shell to your ear

*Dedicated to the memory of Ralph Abraham
Written by Clifford Parris*

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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