

Sunrise August 1, 1951 Sunset October 29, 2012

<u>Memorial Service</u> Sunday, November 4, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

## **UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY *Father Nolan, Officiating* 

<u>Obituary</u>

**Rondell Thomas Piggott** was born August 1, 1951 at Harlem Hospital, the fourth child to Alfred and Gwendolyn Piggott, who preceded him in death.

He attended New York City Public Schools and graduated from George Washington High School in 1969.

Rondell's passion as a child was flying birds and building bird coops, as an adult he enjoyed flying kites, collecting tropical fish and riding his bike daily.

In 1972, he married Renee Springs whom he met at Highbridge pool in 1968, and to this union one child was born, Lisa Renee Piggott.

In his early years and for many years after Rondell worked at Stilian Textiles with his close and dear childhood friend, Michael Booker. In his later years he worked as a supervisor of Housekeeping at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

In 1993, Rondell became ill with renal failure and thus started dialysis treatments; which in 1994 led him to meet nurse Janet Tiukinhoy whom he affectionally called "Hon" and his "Little bowl of Rice", and who he would go on to spend his remaining years with. Janet and Rondell enjoyed traveling and frequent visits to the casino, which he always won and came home saying he "broke even".

Rondell had a great sense of humor and a very close relationship with his daughter. He also loved spending productive time with his three grandchildren, and always playfully complained that when they came around he always spends money... his daughter and grandchildren were his life.

Unfortunately, in the summer of 2012 Rondell's health deteriorated, he became hospitalized several times and on October 29, 2012 after an ongoing battle he succumbed to the complications associated with renal failure.

Rondell was preceded in death by his two sisters, Frieda and Sheila and one brother Courtney.

Rondell Piggott leaves to cherish his memory: his life partner, Janet; daughter, Lisa; grandchildren, Ashley, Patrick and Rasheed; one greatgrandson, Aaden; three stepchildren, Jonet, Micoy and JJ; one sister, Sheree Piggott and two brothers Jeffrey and Richard Piggott; two nieces, Monique and Tish; and several other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

<u>Final Disposition</u> Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

## When I Am Gone

When I am gone, release me, and let me go, I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears, But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess, How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,

But now it is time I traveled on alone. So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. That it is only for a while that we must part, So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on. And if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near, And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear, All my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

## Acknowledgement

We wish to thank you all for your many kind deeds and consoling words during the passing of our loved one. If during this period of grief we have overlooked anyone, may we extend our sincere gratitude.

> God Bless You. The Piggott and Tiukinhoy Family

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