

<u>Obituary</u>

Miles Sylvester Bernard Seymour Jr. was born November 17, 1952 in Ridgeland, South Carolina.

At an early age, the family moved to Brooklyn, NY where Miles spent most of his life. He graduated from Midwood High School where he played and excelled on the Chess Team. Miles was a genius. He was extremely intelligent and would marvel his family with his skillful way of knowing all of the answers while watching Jeopardy. Miles taught his younger siblings how to read, write, and encouraged them to be thinkers.

Miles was also athletic, and played on a number of Brooklyn Borough teams. Miles also participated for many years in semi-pro bowling leagues and filled his parents' home with a variety of high score and team play trophies. In the late 70's Miles began to spend more time in Manhattan where he was active in promoting disco and serving as a DJ in several prominent nightclubs. Miles was also a competitive dancer and would teach his younger siblings all the latest moves.

As a big brother, Miles was very protective of his younger siblings – especially the girls. They knew that they could count on him for anything. At the age of 18, Miles was the first young black man to hold the position of manager at Selby Shoe Stores.

On July 14, 2005, Miles married Mary Ragland, whom he loved dearly.

Miles will be remembered for his genius, generous spirit, and love of music. He is preceded in death by his loving mother, Margaret "Mom" Seymore. Miles has left loving memories that will be cherished forever by his wife, Mary; stepdaughter, Ronise Brown; stepson, Michael Ragland; his father, Miles Sr.; his four sisters, Pat, Tawonda, Hope, "Honorary Sister" Deborah; his brothers: Everett (Robyn), David (Renee), Mark, Gerald (Annette); nephew/brother, Thomas; grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a host of family and friends. He will be deeply missed, but will always remain in our hearts.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Eulogy Rev. J.G. McCann, Sr.

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory Bronx, New York

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

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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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