



In Loving

Memory

of

Ryan McGirt

Sunrise: September 8, 1953

Sunset: November 12, 2014

Service

Friday, November 21, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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Obituary



Ryan J. McGirt was born on September 8, 1953 to the late Mr. & Mrs. James and Jeannette McGirt. Born and raised in Abraham Lincoln Houses in Harlem, NY. Ryan attended elementary school at P.S. 197 where he excelled in Math and Science and received numerous awards. Ryan also went on to become an honor student at Frederick Douglas Middle School, and also had the opportunity to attend Julia Richmond High School's college bound program.

While living in the Lincoln Houses, Ryan was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Community Center. This is where his love and passion for sports began. This passion led Ryan all the way to St. Petersburg, FL for a try-out with his beloved New York Yankees. To know him is to know he loved the Yankees and the

Knicks. He bled Yankee pinstripes and the Knicks orange and blue equally.

On October 6, 1979, Ryan married Loretta Randolph. This union created Ryan's one and only daughter, Kenisha McGirt. From day one, Kenisha has been Ryan's pride and joy. Watching her grow into a beautiful young woman meant everything to him.

At an early age Ryan was introduced to messenger and security work through his father, James. During his years of employment, Ryan worked for Airline Messenger Center and Satachi & Satachi mail room where he excelled in his field. Ryan was passionate and dedicated to his job as a messenger and mail clerk in New York City. His work allowed him to become an expert in navigating the New York City Transit system.

Along with sports Ryan loved the movies. It had become his weekly routine with his girlfriend and partner, Angelita.

Ryan made friends everywhere he went, he was well liked by all. Ryan took pride in being from Harlem, NYC and being from Abraham Lincoln Houses. His Harlem swag was visible in the clothes he wore and the way he carried himself.

Ryan was a man of little words but when he spoke he drew you in with his wit and sense of humor. He was resilient. Throughout his health challenges he never complained.

As we gather here today to remember and commemorate his life, lets bid him farewell as we mourn the loss of a lively, dignified soul. A soul that brought joy and fulfillment to many, and whose legacy will live on forever.

Those left to cherish his memories: his daughter, Kenisha McGirt; sister, Vicky Harrington; partner, Angelita Dunnigan; niece, Tyneka Harrington; nephews, Joseph Harrington, Terrance Harrington, and Jerrell Harrington; along with a host of cousins and lifetime friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection..... “I Won’t Complain”

Prayer

Scripture Readings - John 14:1-4 Minister Rashard Moore

Selection “Stand”
Donnie McClurkin

Acknowledgements/Remarks..... Clifford Simmons
Calvin Ferguson
Kenisha S. McGirt

Obituary Minister Rashard Moore

Selection..... “Hard to Say Goodbye”
Boys II Men

Eulogy..... Minister Rashard Moore

Committal

Viewing

Recessional..... “I Will Always Love You”
Whitney Houston

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, 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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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