In Loving Memory of



David "Mo" Rembert

Sunrise: December 7, 1940 Sunset: October 11, 2015



Friday, October 23, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

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<u>Obituary</u>

Our Brother and Uncle David Rembert passed on to be with God on October 11, 2015.

David Rembert was born to Benjamin and Elizabeth Rembert on December 7, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York. He was the second oldest of their nine children. David was the unofficial comedian/historian of our family. His favorite pastimes were telling old family stories and sitting quietly in the kitchen at family gatherings observing everyone's actions, then spending the next few weeks reporting and laughing about who did what.

Some of the family stories David loved to tell were over 60 years old, but every time he told them we would all laugh like they just happened yesterday. One of his favorite stories to tell was about my grandfather, Freddy, my mother, Lillie at seven years old, and Ms. Daisy the local hairdresser. According to David, Ms. Daisy put a bad egg cream perm in my mom's hair right before Easter that made all her hair fall out, my grandfather got so angry he cursed Ms. Daisy out and knocked her wig off her head.

Another one of my favorite stories David would tell, was about the time my mother and her girlfriends who my grandfather called the frontline of the Green Bay Packers were partying inside a bar, and my father stormed in demanding that my mom leave right away. David said, he and my grandfather warned my father to leave my mom and her friends alone, but he didn't listen he kept demanding that my mom leave the bar, then he physically tried to make her leave. My mom and her friends weren't having that, they beat my father up inside and outside of the bar, while David and my grandfather watched and laughed.

David was also the family confidant, if you wanted to know what was going on in the family you could just call him and say "What's going down?" that was the code for give me the latest gossip, and he would tell you everything he knew.

David also had a very active and fun social life, he loved spending time in the Bronx and Harlem with old friends, and he also loved to go on bus trips or drive out to Atlantic City. He had a passion for music, and even at 74 he knew all the latest music and the classics that all ages loved to hear.

David had some struggles over the last few months, and we were all there with him supporting him, just waiting for him to pull through. None of us could have ever imaged the final outcome.

David, it still seems unreal that you won't be here to laugh and joke and eat with us, but you've left us with great memories of many fun times. I don't think we'll ever fully understand why you chose to leave us this way, but we forgive you and hope that you are at peace.

David is survived by: his sister, Lilliemae Holmes; brothers, Frank, Louie and Benjamin Rembert, Jr.; companion, Monique Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his mother and father, Benjamin and Elizabeth Rembert, brothers, Robert Lee, Walter, Essie and Gerald Rembert, and grandnephews, Kaheen Rembert, Jr. and Jaiden Benjamin da Matha Santanna.

Rest in peace David, we will always love and miss you.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Frederick Douglass Memorial Park Staten Island, New York

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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